



## U.S. temporarily stops youth climate lawsuit days before trial

By PHUONG LE  
Associated Press

**SEATTLE (AP)** — The U.S. Supreme Court on Friday temporarily blocked a high-profile climate change lawsuit brought by young activists who accuse the federal government of violating their constitutional rights with policies that have caused a dangerous climate. Chief Justice John Roberts signed an order freezing the trial that was set to start in 10 days in federal court in Oregon until lawyers for the young people provide a response and the high court issues another order.



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In this July 18, 2018, file photo, lawyers and youth plaintiffs lineup behind a banner after a hearing before Federal District Court Judge Ann Aiken between lawyers for the Trump Administration and the so called Climate Kids in Federal Court in Eugene, Ore.  
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# Russian woman charged in first 2018 election meddling case

By DEB RIECHMANN and ERIC TUCKER

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The U.S. accused a Russian woman on Friday of helping oversee the finances of a sweeping, secretive effort to sway American public opinion through social media in the first federal case alleging foreign interference in the 2018 mid-term elections.

The criminal complaint against Elena Alekseevna Khusyaynova alleges that Russians are using some of the same techniques to influence U.S. politics as they relied on ahead of the 2016 presidential election, methods laid bare by an investigation from special counsel Robert Mueller into possible coordination between Russia and Donald Trump's campaign.

Justice Department prosecutors claim that Khusyaynova, of St. Petersburg, helped manage the finances of a hidden but powerful Russian social media effort aimed at spreading distrust for American political candidates and



Christopher Krebs, undersecretary of the Department of Homeland Security's National Protection and Programs Directorate, speaks during a news conference on election cyber security, Friday, Oct. 19, 2018, in Arlington, Va.

causing divisions on hot-button social issues like immigration and gun control. The Justice Department unsealed the criminal complaint on the same day that U.S. intelligence agencies, in a rare public statement, asserted that Russia, China, Iran and other

countries are engaged in continuous efforts to influence American policy and voters in the upcoming elections and beyond. National security adviser John Bolton heads to Russia on Saturday.

The U.S. is concerned about the foreign campaigns "to undermine confidence in democratic institutions and influence public sentiment and government policies," said the statement from national security officials. The statement, which provided no details about any such efforts, said, "These activities also may seek to influence voter perceptions and decision-making in the 2018 and 2020 U.S. elections."

The national security agencies said they currently do not have any evidence that voting systems have been disrupted or compromised in ways that could result in changing vote counts or hampering the ability to tally votes in the midterms, which are 2½ weeks away.

"Some state and local governments have reported attempts to access their networks, which often include online voter registration databases, using tactics that are available to state and nonstate cyber actors," they said.

But so far, they said, state

and local officials have been able to prevent access or quickly mitigate these attempts.

In the criminal complaint, prosecutors say Khusyaynova worked for the same social media troll farm that was indicted earlier this year by Mueller. The social media effort outlined by prosecutors Friday largely mirrors Mueller's criminal case against three Russian companies, including the Internet Research Agency, and 13 Russians, including one who is a close ally to Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Prosecutors say the conduct singled out on Friday runs afoul of criminal laws that bar foreign nationals from attempting to influence American elections or from engaging in political activities without first registering with the attorney general.

Asked about the new accusation against the Russians at an appearance in Arizona, Trump responded that it had "nothing to do with me."

Since at least 2015, the group created thousands of fake social media profiles and email accounts that appeared to be from people inside the U.S. and were aimed to "create and amplify divisive social and political content," in-

cluding on significant current events, such as deadly shootings in South Carolina and Las Vegas, prosecutors said in court papers.

One fake persona, registered to "Bertha Malone," made over 400 Facebook posts containing inflammatory content. Another fake Facebook account, in the name of "Rachell Edison," made more than 700 posts focused on gun control and the Second Amendment.

The Russian organizers of the conspiracy advised that the posts should reflect various viewpoints, and they gave specific instructions to only share articles from certain news websites to correspond to specific political views, prosecutors said.

After one news article targeting Republican Sen. John McCain appeared online with the headline "McCain Says Thinking a Wall Will Stop Illegal Immigration is 'Crazy,'" members of the group were told to brand him as "an old geezer who has lost it and who long ago belonged in a home for the elderly." They were also told to say that McCain had a "pathological hatred toward Donald Trump and toward all his initiatives."

After another article appeared about Mueller last year, members of the troll farm were told to share the article and say Mueller was a "puppet of the establishment" who had connections to the Democratic Party and "who says things that should either remove him from his position or disband the entire investigation commission."

The new prosecution was brought not by Mueller but by the Justice Department's national security division and prosecutors from the Eastern District of Virginia. There is no allegation in the complaint of coordination with the Trump campaign.

Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov said recently that Russia has no intention of interfering in the midterm elections. □

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It marked a victory for the government, which under the Obama and Trump administrations has tried unsuccessfully for years to get the case dismissed. An expert says the Trump administration tried again before the Oct. 29 trial as the court shifted to the right with the confirmation this month of Brett Kavanaugh. The Supreme Court refused to toss the lawsuit in July, calling it "premature." Justice Department lawyers asked again Thursday, arguing that the claim aims to redirect federal environmental policies through the courts rather than through the political process.

Julia Olson, a lawyer representing the young plaintiffs and chief legal counsel for Our Children's Trust, said they are confident the trial will move forward once the justices receive their response, which is due by Wednesday.

The Supreme Court has recognized in other cases that review of constitutional questions "is better done on a full record where the evidence is presented and weighed," she said in an email. "This case is about already recognized fundamental rights and children's rights of equal protection under the law."

The young people say government officials have known for more than 50 years that carbon pollution from fossil fuels was causing climate change and that policies on oil and gas deprive them of life, liberty and property. They also say the government has failed to protect natural resources as a "public trust" for future generations.

The lawsuit wants a court to order the government to stop permitting and authorizing fossil fuels, quickly phase out carbon dioxide emissions to a certain level by 2100 and develop a national climate recovery plan.

The Trump administration got a temporary reprieve on the case after also asking the 9th U.S. Circuit

Court of Appeals, which rejected the request in July.

"The latest attempt to get the U.S. Supreme Court to stop the trial does not appear to be based on any new evidence or arguments. The only new element is an additional Supreme Court justice," said Melissa Scanlan, a professor at Vermont Law School, who is not involved in the case.

Kavanaugh replaced the more moderate Anthony Kennedy.

Scanlan said the Trump administration is trying to avoid "what they're expecting to be a 50-day trial focused on climate disruption." The trial in Eugene, Oregon, was expected to wrap up in January.

The federal government has argued in court filings that the young people don't have standing to bring the case and the issues should be left to the political branches of government, not the court.

Jeffrey Wood, acting assistant attorney general for the Justice Department's environment and natural



In this Nov. 10, 2016 file photo, five of the 21 youth plaintiffs in a federal climate change lawsuit against the federal government, including, from left, Sahara Valentine, 11, Jacob Lebel, 19, Avery McRae, 10, Miko Vergun, 15, Kelsey Julianna, 20, and Zealand Bell, 11, celebrate on the courthouse steps in Eugene, Ore., after U.S. District Judge Ann Aiken rejected requests from the federal government and trade groups representing many of the world's largest energy companies to dismiss their lawsuit.

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resources division, said officials "firmly believe there is no legal basis for this case to be heard in federal court."

The lawsuit "is an unconstitutional attempt to use a

single court to control the entire nation's energy and climate policy," he said, according to prepared remarks for a speech he gave Friday at a conference in San Diego. "It is

a matter of separation of powers and preserving the opportunity in our system of government for those policies to be decided by the elected branches, not the courts." □

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# Transgender rights lie in the hands of a state's electorate



In this Monday, Oct. 8, 2018 photo Jeanne Talbot, left, and her transgender daughter Nicole Talbot, 17, both of Beverly, Mass., sit for a photograph at a park, in Beverly.

By **BOB SALSBERG**  
Associated Press

**BOSTON (AP)** — Nicole Talbot isn't quite old enough to vote next month, but she isn't shy about urging Massachusetts residents who are to keep a state law that protects transgender people from discrimination, including the right to use restrooms and locker rooms that match their gender identity.

It makes her feel safe, Talbot said, which wasn't always the case for the teenager, an accomplished singer with dreams of a Broadway career. For as long as she can remember, she felt she was a girl — like the time she insisted upon being a princess at a preschool Halloween party — even when the world beyond her mother subjected her to taunts and discrimination.

Now, 17, Talbot, who began her transition in the seventh grade, is lending her name and story to the campaign against a ballot question that would repeal the 2016 law.

"It allows me to live as who I am and have every right that every other person in the state has," said Talbot. Setting the stage for the

first-ever statewide referendum in the U.S. on a transgender rights law, opponents collected enough signatures to place a repeal question on the Nov. 6 ballot. Transgender rights supporters worry — and opponents of the laws hope — that if the repeal passes in Massachusetts, the first state to legalize gay marriage and among the most LGBT-friendly, it could unleash a cascade of similar efforts elsewhere.

"For this to happen in Massachusetts, where we have this reputation of being an inclusive state dedicated for equality and dignity for all people, to see what happens on this (question) is really going to be an important moment for transgender rights nationally," said Mason Dunn, executive director of the Massachusetts Trans Political Coalition.

A spokeswoman for the group leading the repeal effort declined to speculate on the potential impact of the referendum on 19 other states with similar transgender-rights laws.

"Nationally, we're not trying to change anything; we are trying to change Massachusetts," said Yvette Ol-

lada, of Keep Massachusetts Safe. "This law goes too far."

Repeal backers argue their intention is not to strip protections for transgender people or legalize discrimination. Instead, in what trans rights supporters describe as a familiar but unjustified fear tactic, they say they want to protect women from being harassed or assaulted by criminals falsely claiming to identify as female.

One ad backing repeal depicts a sketchy-looking man entering a women's locker room as a frightened-looking young woman begins to undress.

"That is what the law allows for, and if it's scary, then that is because we are talking about something that is scary," Ollada said.

Had the Legislature adopted a proposal to exclude registered sex offenders from the law's protections, there likely would not have been a referendum, she said.

The law, though, already allows for the prosecution of any person "whose assertion of a gender identity is for an improper purpose." The Associated Press requested records from the

state attorney general's office and the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination, which turned up only a handful of complaints directly related to the 2-year-old law, and none alleging predation in bathrooms or locker rooms. But neither do records suggest widespread discrimination against transgender people over access to bathrooms or locker rooms. Of the fewer than 10 complaints filed with the state anti-discrimination agency, probable cause was found in only one case, involving a transgender man who claimed he was barred from the men's section of a facility that provides free clothing for the poor.

Repeal backers also say some businesses may be reluctant to report abuse of the law because they fear doing so would leave them vulnerable to charges of discrimination and possible fines. In one case to which the law's critics point, a transitioning woman with male genitalia filed a complaint against a day spa with a female clientele that declined her request for a so-called "full Brazilian" bikini wax. The complaint is unresolved.

Though referred to derisively by opponents as "the bathroom bill," supporters note the law more widely prohibits discrimination against transgender people in public accommodations, including restaurants, parks and entertainment venues. A prior state law outlawed bias in employment and housing.

Jeanne Talbot, Nicole's mother, calls herself an "accidental activist."

"When people meet a transgender person, all of their fears sort of wash away," Jeanne Talbot said. "They suddenly realize that there is a person. It's not just the term transgender or an identifier, there's a human being."

Since transitioning, Nicole said, she has been mostly welcomed at her private school in Beverly, which caters to students with dyslexia. In February, she was selected after a competition to sing the national anthem before a Boston Bruins game.

The group Freedom for All Massachusetts, which wants to keep the law, reported raising just under \$3.9 million through Oct. 1, compared with the \$542,000 raised by Keep Massachusetts Safe, with much of the latter coming from two affiliated conservative organizations and some board members.

The transgender law has broad support from Democratic elected officials in Massachusetts, and from Republican Gov. Charlie Baker, who signed the bill in 2016.

"Support for the LGBTQ community is about more than just politics — it's personal," Baker wrote in a recent op-ed published by The Rainbow Times. The governor's brother is gay and married.

But not everyone sharing the GOP ticket with Baker next month shares his view. "It's not the transgenders that we're concerned about, it's the men who are using it and are claiming to be transgender," said Jay McMahon, the Republican nominee for attorney general, in a recent debate. □



# Bering Sea village will be first counted in 2020 US Census

By DAN JOLING

Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)

— A southwest Alaska Yupik village on the Bering Sea will be the first counted for the 2020 U.S. Census.

Acting U.S. Census Bureau director Ron Jarmin said Friday that census takers on Jan. 21, 2020, will descend on Toksook (TOOK-sook) Bay, a village of 673 in southwest Alaska.

Toksook Bay is 512 miles (825 kilometers) west of Anchorage. It's accessible only by airplane or boat.

Counting people in Alaska is challenging because of the state's vast size — more than twice as big as the next largest state, Texas — and the difficulty in reaching rural villages off the road system.

The Census Bureau will give itself a head start and travel to rural Alaska villages while rivers remain frozen and snow covers the landscape, allowing for travel to homes by snowmobile and all-terrain vehicles.

"Logistically, I think we need to get to the remote villages before the spring thaw," Jarmin said. "That's when people are there. That's when you can actually access the community."

The early start also allows census takers to reach people in villages before they scatter to remote camps for hunting or fishing. Many Toksook Bay residents support themselves by commercial fishing as well as traditional subsistence activities such as harvesting fish, game, waterfowl and berries.

Most Americans will receive notices by mail to self-respond to census questions

in mid-March, Jarmin said.

The bureau is expected to hire 300,000 census takers throughout the country and will hire local people.

"It's important to have somebody that people will feel comfortable opening their door to, talking to," Jarmin said. "It also really helps to have someone who knows the people and knows the terrain."

Jarmin acknowledged that starting the census with a high-profile ceremony in an unusual location will help publicize the importance of the census. The count figures into each state's representation in Congress, voting districts and federal aid. In Alaska, he said, not counting one person means a loss of \$3,000 annually.

"This is absolutely critical for determining how federal funds that are tied to the population are doled out," he said.

Jarmin announced the choice of Toksook Bay at the annual convention of the Alaska Federation of Natives, the state's largest Alaska Native organization. In 2010, the bureau began the census in Noorvik, an Inupiat village of 670 on the Kobuk River in northwest Alaska. The head of the Census Bureau conducted the first enumeration that year and is expected to be on hand in Toksook Bay.

President Donald Trump has nominated Steven Dillingham to be permanent Census Bureau director. Dillingham answered questions this month at a confirmation hearing before the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, which has not voted on the nomination. □



Ron Jarmin, acting director of the U.S. Census Bureau, addresses the convention of the Alaska Federation of Natives, Friday, Oct. 19, 2018, in Anchorage, Alaska.

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# AP-NORC Poll: Just 1 in 4 thinks Kavanaugh told entire truth

By **ALAN FRAM**

**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Just 1 in 4 people thinks Brett Kavanaugh was completely honest when he heatedly rebuffed charges of sexual assault and heavy drinking during his Supreme Court confirmation hearing, and Republicans and Democrats hold starkly divergent views of whether his sworn testimony to senators was credible, a poll released Friday showed.

The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research survey also found that the public was unimpressed by how major players handled the extraordinary battle, which culminated Oct. 6 in a near party-line confirmation of Kavanaugh by an exhausted Senate. President Donald Trump, Senate Republicans and Democrats and the FBI each earned approval from a third or less of the poll's respondents.

Overall, the survey provides detail about how a deeply polarized nation regards the conduct and outcome of the searing Kavanaugh battle, just weeks before Nov. 6 midterm elections in which GOP control of the House and perhaps the Senate are at stake. Republicans hope partisan tensions heightened by the fight will drive conservative voters to the polls to



In this Sept. 27, 2018 file photo, then Supreme Court nominee Judge Brett Kavanaugh testifies before the Senate Judiciary Committee on Capitol Hill in Washington.

**Associated Press**

counteract the white-hot enthusiasm already shown by Democrats motivated by their antipathy toward Trump.

Thirty-nine percent said they believe Kavanaugh was mostly honest but hiding something when he testified last month before the Senate Judiciary Committee, the drama's most unforgettable day. Another 31 percent said he was largely lying, and 25 percent said he was totally truthful. A combative Kavanaugh denied California college professor Christine Blasey Ford's testimony to the panel that he sexually assaulted her at a 1980s high school gathering when they were teenagers, and he rebutted classmates' descriptions of him

as a heavy drinker.

A breakdown of how people answered that question shows how stances over the bitter confirmation battle are deeply colored by people's political allegiances and less so by gender.

Six in 10 Republicans, including roughly even proportions of men and women, said they think Kavanaugh was entirely truthful when he appeared before the Judiciary panel. They included Ricky Richards, who took the survey and agreed to explain his views in a subsequent interview. Richards said he believed Kavanaugh, citing repeated FBI background checks that unearthed no wrongdoing, testimony from supportive witnesses and the

body language of Kavanaugh and his wife at the crucial Judiciary session.

He said Ford's testimony seemed "purely scripted," and he faulted her for not recalling some details of what she says happened to her, which experts have said is common for trauma victims.

Fewer than 1 in 10 Democrats, men and women, said they think Kavanaugh was fully candid during his appearance. Just over half said he was mostly lying while the rest said he was largely truthful but was hiding something.

"It's just the way he presented himself, the way he answered questions. He was so defensive," said Barbara Heath, a 60-year-old Democrat and former factory worker from Springfield, Ohio. "To me, he was covering up a lot of things."

Overall, 43 percent disapprove of Kavanaugh's confirmation while 35 percent approve.

Forty percent of all men approve of Kavanaugh's elevation to the high court, while only 30 percent of women do. Yet party identification washes much of that difference away: Around three-quarters of Republican men and women favor Kavanaugh's confirmation, a view shared by only about 1 in 10 Democrats of both genders.

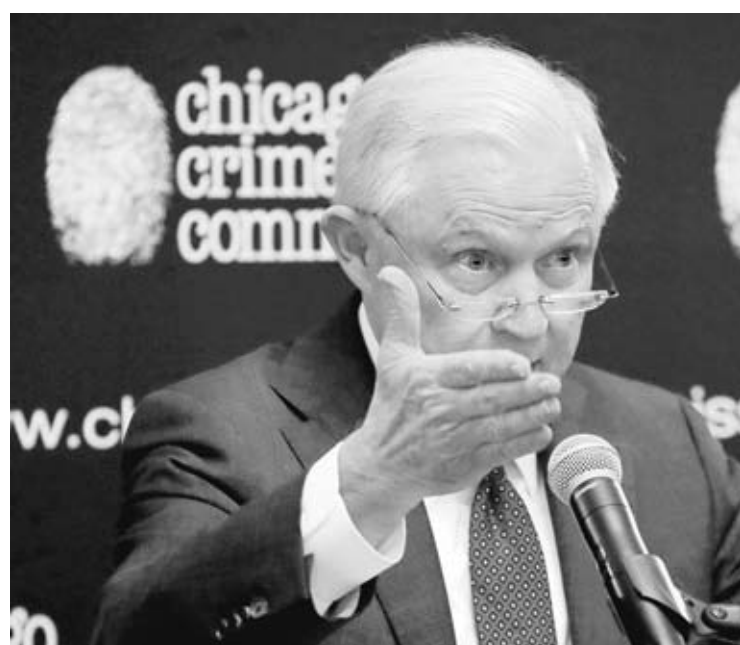
Americans are about evenly divided over whether the Judiciary panel treated Kavanaugh fairly. In contrast, 42 percent thought the committee was unfair to Ford while 30 percent said it was fair to her. Nearly two-thirds of college-educated women said Ford was treated unfairly, a potentially damaging finding for House Republicans defending competitive suburban districts in next month's elections.

The poll also found that:

— The role played by Trump, who nominated Kavanaugh in July and criticized Ford and another accuser, was strongly or somewhat approved by 32 percent, about the same rating given to Senate Republicans. Senate Democrats won such approval from just 24 percent.

— Only 3 in 10 said the FBI did a good job. Trump hurriedly ordered the agency to perform a brief investigation of the sexual-harassment allegations against Kavanaugh and said it found no corroboration in a probe Democrats criticized as insufficient.

— Around 1 in 3 said that since Kavanaugh's confirmation they have a lot of confidence in the Supreme Court. The rest have only some or hardly any confidence in the nation's highest court. □



Attorney General Jeff Sessions speaks to the Chicago Crime Commission at Union League Club of Chicago, Friday, Oct. 19, 2018, in Chicago.

**Associated Press**

## Sessions says reforms of Chicago police could boost crime

By **DON BABWIN**

**Associated Press**

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Attorney General Jeff Sessions warned Friday that reforms planned for the Chicago police force could cause a surge in violent crime and pointed to the recent murder conviction of a police officer as evidence that such reforms aren't necessary because officers who break the law are already "prosecuted and jailed."

In a speech sponsored by the Chicago Crime Commission, Sessions reiterated

statements he made a week ago when the Trump administration informed a federal judge that it was seeking to scuttle a proposed consent decree between the city and the state of Illinois that calls for the department to be under close federal court supervision.

Sessions did not mention by name either Jason Van Dyke, the officer convicted of second-degree murder, or Laquan McDonald, the black teen he shot 16 times. But he spoke of a New York

Times editorial supporting the consent decree that ran after the verdict. In arguing against the consent decree, which includes strict rules on the use of deadly force by officer — Sessions pointed to the dramatic rise in violent crime in the city in 2016 and said it was caused by the city's agreement with the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois to require officers to document thoroughly their traffic stops. "The results of this agreement were catastrophic," he said. □



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## Big numbers of Central Americans arriving at Arizona border

By ANITA SNOW  
Associated Press

**PHOENIX (AP)** — Large groups of Central American migrants continue to surrender to Border Patrol agents in Arizona with the arrival of one recent group numbering 108 captured in dramatic video images, authorities said Friday. The agency said camera operators monitoring movement Thursday afternoon along the U.S.-Mexico border in the Yuma area captured images of a large number of people being dropped over the border wall east of the San Luis Port of Entry. It said the smugglers never crossed the border while they helped migrants over the wall in four places. The group was comprised of 100 Guatemalans and

eight Hondurans. They included 52 children, nine of them 5 years and younger. The mass crossing occurred while another drama was being played out much farther south as a caravan of several thousand Central American migrants traveled northbound, prompting President Donald Trump to warn Mexico to stop them from reaching the U.S. border. Arizona Border Patrol agents for weeks have been overwhelmed by the arrival of large numbers of Central American migrants traveling in families. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement in Arizona earlier this month began releasing hundreds of people to await court dates, saying it didn't have the capacity to hold an

"incredibly high volume" of migrant families showing up at the border. "Coordinated smuggling of large numbers of Central Americans is taking place daily here," Yuma Sector Chief Patrol Agent Anthony Porvaznik said in a written statement. Before the arrival of the latest group, authorities said that collectively more than 1,400 migrants had been left by smugglers in the broiling desert — or in one case in a drenching thunderstorm — in remote areas by Arizona's border with Mexico since Aug. 20. One group was as large as 275 people. Unlike Texas, where people turn themselves in on the banks of the Rio Grande, the smugglers near Arizona have been dumping



This image from video provided by the Yuma Sector Border Patrol shows a large group of Central American migrants being dropped over the U.S.-Mexico border wall east of the San Luis Port of Entry in Yuma, Arizona, on Friday, Oct. 19, 2018.

Associated Press

groups of migrant families near Yuma, or farther to the east on a remote dirt road running along the southern limit of the Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument near the Lukeville Port of Entry.

While Mexican men traveling without relatives once made up the bulk of the migrants, Guatemalans and other Central Americans traveling in families or as unaccompanied minors are now the norm. □

## Chicago man charged with using social media for terrorists

**CHICAGO (AP)** — A Chicago man accused of creating propaganda to promote Islamic State was charged Friday with conspiring to use social media to support a terrorist organization. A 58-page criminal complaint describes Ashraf Al Safoo as a key figure in a group that distributes violent videos, photos and provocative messages on behalf of IS. "Homegrown terrorists and lone-actor operators continue to represent a threat to the homeland," said Jeffrey Sallet, head of the FBI in Chicago. Al Safoo appeared in federal court on a conspiracy charge. U.S. Magistrate Judge David

Weisman read the charge and returned him to jail to await a detention hearing next Thursday. It wasn't immediately known if Al Safoo has a lawyer who could comment on the case. The government said Al Safoo is a 34-year-old naturalized citizen who was born in Mosul, Iraq, and moved to the U.S. in 2008. He told the judge that he has a master's degree in computer science. In a court filing, the FBI described IS propaganda as a cat-and-mouse game, with Al Safoo and allies at Khattab Media Foundation hijacking social media accounts to spread messages while trying to avoid get-

ting blocked.

"Participate in the war. Spread fear," Al Safoo told allies, according to the FBI. "(IS) does not want you to watch it only. It incites you, and if it fails to do so, use it to incite others. Betrayal is a grave sin that cannot be forgiven even by fasting the whole month of Ramadan." In October 2017, Khattab created a video "glorifying death in battle on behalf of ISIS and encouraging individuals to fight for ISIS," the FBI said. The video showed a gift under a Christmas tree that contained a bomb with a timer ticking down before cutting to a news clip of a mass shooting, the FBI said. □



# European, Asian leaders want free trade, push back at Trump

By **MIKE CORDER**

**Associated Press**

**BRUSSELS (AP)** — Europe and Asia presented a united front Friday in support of free trade based on international rules and cooperation, starkly underscoring their differences with U.S. President Donald Trump's "America First" policy.

That support for free trade "is the most important signal from this summit, especially valid in the current geopolitical context," EU Council President Donald Tusk said at the end of a two-day Europe-Asia summit in Brussels.

The meeting comes at a time when Trump is increasingly distancing the United States from global organizations like the United Nations. Trump told the U.N. general assembly last month: "We reject the ideology of globalism, and we embrace the doctrine of patriotism."

Those at the summit — 30 European leaders, their counterparts from 21 Asian nations as well as top officials from the European Union and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations — have the economic clout to stand up to that kind of rhetoric from



European Council President Donald Tusk, bottom left, and China's Prime Minister Li Keqiang, bottom right, pose for a group photo at an EU-ASEM summit in Brussels, Friday, Oct. 19, 2018.

**Associated Press**

Trump. The officials came from countries that represent some two-thirds of the world's economic output, 55 percent of global trade and 60 percent of the world's population.

A written statement said the leaders "highlighted the vital need of maintaining an open world economy and upholding the rules-based multilateral trading system, with the World Trade Organization at its core."

Trump slapped 25 percent tariffs on steel imports and 10 percent on imported aluminum from the EU on June 1. He said the move was to protect U.S. national security interests, but the Europeans claim it is simply protectionism and breaks global trade rules.

The EU hit back with tariffs on about 2.8 billion euros worth (\$3.4 billion) of U.S. steel, agricultural and other products.

The stakes are even higher in Trump's trade war with China. Trump has imposed tariffs on about \$250 billion worth of Chinese products amid U.S. accusations that China engages in cyber-theft and coerces foreign companies into handing over technology in return for access to the Chinese market, as well as by Trump's anger over China's trade surplus with the U.S. The wide-ranging agenda

in Brussels also included discussions on fighting both climate change and cybercrimes. In their closing statement, the leaders expressed "profound concern that current global efforts are insufficient" to meet goals set out in the 2015 Paris climate accord. Trump has removed the U.S. from that deal.

On the sidelines of the meeting, the EU signed a pact with Vietnam that aims to tackle illegal logging and was to sign a free trade deal with Singapore. The two-day meeting also was the backdrop for numerous bilateral meetings — EU foreign affairs chief Federica Mogherini discussed human rights violations in Cambodia and Myanmar with those countries' representatives, while British Prime Minister Theresa May tried to talk up her nation's post-Brexit relationship with China, South Korea and Singapore in meetings with officials from those countries.

In another of the meeting's conclusions that ran counter to U.S. policy, European and Asian leaders praised the Iran nuclear deal — another multilateral initiative rejected by Trump. □

# Macedonia lawmakers green light process for name change

By **KONSTANTIN TESTORIDES**

**Associated Press**

**SKOPJE, Macedonia (AP)** — Lawmakers in Macedonia on Friday backed a landmark proposal to amend the constitution, allowing the country to change its name and join NATO.

The session was delayed for more than 10 hours amid a heated confrontation. Parliament eventually voted in favor of the proposal — a key step in accepting the deal struck with neighboring Greece in June.

Prime Minister Zoran Zaev's Social Democrat government struggled to woo support from the conservative opposition members needed to achieve the two-thirds majority required in the 120-seat house.

"Together we have made



Macedonian Prime Minister Zoran Zaev arrives on a session of the Macedonian Parliament, in the capital Skopje, Friday, Oct. 19, 2018.

**Associated Press**

history today," Zaev said. "Our journey toward a better future, toward European Union and NATO membership, has just begun ... We will strive for reconciliation,

and national unity." With strong backing from Western leaders, Zaev is leading a campaign to rename the country North Macedonia, resolving a

longstanding dispute with Greece that will allow the country to join NATO.

Top EU official Donald Tusk, the president of the European Council, Tweeted: "With one voice, you are one big step closer to taking your rightful place in our trans-Atlantic community." Conservatives in Macedonia vehemently oppose the name change and boycotted a referendum last month on the issue.

Igor Janushev, secretary general of the opposition VMRO-DPMNE party, said conservative lawmakers had endured a campaign of "political intimidation" ahead of the vote and claimed that three lawmakers had been offered bribes of between 250,000 and 2 million euros.

The government rejected the allegations and said it would respond with legal action.

Following Friday's vote, the amendment process must formally start within the next two weeks.

The name-change would end a 27-year dispute with Greece, which claims its neighbor's current name implies claims on its own adjoining province of Macedonia, and on ancient Greek heritage. Athens has said it will block Macedonia's accession to NATO and the European Union unless it goes ahead with the constitutional amendments. Western officials strongly back the deal, which would reduce Russian influence in the Balkans. □



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## EU court orders Poland to reinstate Supreme Court judges

By MONIKA SCISLOWSKA

RAF CASERT

Associated Press

**WARSAW, Poland (AP)** —

The European Union's top court ordered Poland on Friday to immediately stop applying a law that lowered the retirement age for Supreme Court judges, forcing some 20 off the bench.

The interim injunction from the European Court of Justice also obliges EU member Poland to reinstate the judges who had to retire early after the law took effect in July. It lowered the age limit for Supreme Court service from 70 to 65.

The powerful leader of Poland's conservative ruling party, Jaroslaw Kaczynski, said Poland would observe EU law, but not whether the government would comply with the order. He also said the government would do



In this Oct. 8, 2018 file photo, government opponents with signs reading "Constitution" protest an overhaul of the justice system and the forced early retirement of Supreme Court judges aged 65 and above, before the court's building in Warsaw, Poland.

Associated Press

all it could to "defend our state interest."

The European Commission, the EU's executive branch, asked for the injunction while the Court of Justice

considers its challenge to the age cap as a violation of EU laws on judicial independence and the right to a fair trial. A ruling in the main proceedings is

expected later.

Supreme Court judges, arguing the forced retirements are an infringement of Poland's Constitution, also have sought the European court's opinion.

Kaczynski's Law and Justice party has made overhauling the judicial system a key focus since it came to power in 2015. The government maintains that removing justices who were active during Poland's communist era will make the courts more efficient and fairer.

Among the evidence Court of Justice Vice President Rosario Silva de Lapuerta cited in the order was "a profound and immediate change in the composition of the Supreme Court" since the disputed law went into force. Along with the retirements, an increase in court seats from 93 to 120 cre-

ated more than 44 vacancies, and President Andrzej Duda has filled at least 27 of them, Lapuerta said.

"Because of the Supreme Court's authority to give the final word in legal cases, "there would be a real risk of serious and irreparable damage to individuals if the interim measures were not adopted," her order stated.

Polish Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki said the government received the order and would "respond after analyzing it." The Foreign Ministry noted that the Court of Justice had not yet heard Poland's legal arguments in the case.

The director of Amnesty International's European institutions office said that the ruling showed it was "unacceptable for Poland to ignore EU's most fundamental principles." □

## Train mows down crowd at India festival, at least 58 dead

By ASHOK SHARMA

Associated Press

**NEW DELHI (AP)** — A speeding train ran over a crowd watching fireworks during a religious festival in northern India on Friday, killing at least 58 people and injuring dozens more, police said.

The train failed to stop after the accident on the outskirts of Amritsar, a city in Punjab state, said the state governing Congress party politician, Pratap Singh Bajwa. Police Commissioner S. S. Srivastava said the police have found 58 bodies so far. The Press Trust of India news agency said



The body of a victim of a train accident lies covered in cloth on a railway track in Amritsar, India, Friday, Oct. 19, 2018.

Associated Press

two trains arrived from the opposite direction on separate tracks at the same

time giving little opportunity for people to escape. However, the casualties

were caused by one of the trains, it quoted officials as saying.

India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi said he was extremely saddened by the accident. "Have asked officials to provide immediate assistance that is required," Modi said on Twitter.

A witness said the train didn't even sound its whistle as it sped past the site, where hundreds were watching the burning of an effigy of demon Ravana during the Hindu festival of Dussehra. "Why did authorities allow the fireworks display so close to the rail-

road track?," he asked. He told the Republic television channel that he lost two brothers. Another witness said the victims didn't realize that a train was coming because the fireworks were too loud. Navjot Kaur Sidhu, a local Congress party politician who was the chief guest at the religious function, said the celebrations take place in the area every year and railroad authorities are alerted to run the trains at slow speeds.

A large number of people live in the area with homes on both sides of the railroad track, she said. □



# A look at Afghanistan's parliamentary elections on Saturday

By RAHIM FAIEZ  
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)

— Afghanistan is holding parliamentary elections on Saturday despite deep security concerns and ongoing fighting in as many as 20 out of the country's 34 provinces.

The vote comes amid a particularly vicious campaign by the Taliban and the Islamic State group, which have been staging near-daily attacks. On the eve of the balloting, voting in Kandahar province was postponed for a week, following a deadly attack there Thursday that killed at least two senior provincial officials, including its powerful police chief. The Taliban claimed responsibility. Besides the security challenges, there have also been concerns over the transparency of the vote and for the first time, the election commission has equipped polling stations with biometric identification systems.

Here is a look at the elections, the figures and key issues in the vote:

## HOW MANY SEATS, HOW MANY CANDIDATES AND POLLING STATIONS?

There are 2,565 candidates vying for 249 seats in the lower house of parliament, including 417 women candidates. Voters will be able to cast ballots at more than 19,000 polling stations in 33 provinces. Of those, the elections commission says as many as 11,667 polling stations are reserved for men and 7,429 for women, while 46 will serve Afghan nomads, known as Kochis, and 22 will serve minority Sikhs and Hindus. The Kochis have 10 parliament seats reserved for them while the Sikhs and Hindus jointly have one seat.

However, security fears have forced the election commission to close about 2,000 polling stations.

## MAJOR PLAYERS AND POLITICAL PARTIES

A few parties have emerged in opposition to the current national unity government of Afghan

President Ashraf Ghani and Chief Executive Officer Abdullah Abdullah, but none can be consid-

councils were supposed to take place at the same time as parliamentary elections but the Indepen-

army. Officials say elections won't be held in 10 districts that are completely under Taliban control, including

may Wesa, who was initially reported wounded.

## POSTPONEMENT OF ELECTIONS IN KANDAHAR

After Thursday's attack, the Independent Election Commission postponed the elections in Kandahar for a week, to give voters who might have stayed at home on Saturday over security fears the chance to vote.

## TALIBAN WARNINGS

The Taliban, who have been fighting Afghan and NATO forces for more than 17 years, have condemned the elections and warned candidates and Afghan security forces they would be targeted. They have also warned teachers and students not to participate in the elections and not to allow schools to be used as polling centers.

## CIVIL SOCIETY AND ELECTION OBSERVERS

More than 400,000 civil society activists, independents and members of political parties, as well as national and international observers and representatives from media outlets will follow the polling day.

## WHAT IS AT STAKE?

The Afghan government is keen to prove it's capable of holding these elections despite prevailing security challenges. The vote was originally scheduled for 2015 but the situation was too unstable at the time. Politically, there was a crisis following the 2014 presidential elections, and NATO forces had only just handed over security to Afghan forces at the end of 2014.

Now, the government wants to send a message to the Taliban — who are engaging in separate negotiations with the United States on a possible political settlement — that its institutions are functioning, and that if the Taliban decide to come to the negotiating table, they will have to deal with a government and a political process that's acceptable to the majority of Afghans. □



In this Tuesday Oct. 16, 2018 photo, a bus is covered with posters for candidate, Alhaj Abdul Hossain Hossainzada, ahead of parliamentary elections, in Kabul, Afghanistan.

Associated Press

ered major players as most candidates in the vote are running as independents. Afghanistan's parliament includes both a lower and an upper house, but only members of the lower house are directly elected. The upper house consists of a mixture of parliamentarians chosen from local councils and those appointed by the president, as well as members elected in district elections. Legislature passed in the lower house has to be approved by the upper chamber.

## DISPUTE IN GHAZNI PROVINCE

Elections will not take place in eastern Ghazni province amid an ongoing dispute over how to divide its electoral constituencies to ensure a more balanced ethnic representation. Lawmakers elected from Ghazni in 2010 will retain their seats until the province is able to hold a vote. In the last elections, eight years ago, minority Hazaras won all the seats from Ghazni, leaving majority Pashtuns and also Tajiks without representation as voting wasn't held in their areas, which are mostly controlled by the Taliban.

## NO DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTIONS THIS TIME?

Initially, elections for district

Electoral Commission delayed that vote because only a tenth of the country's 400 districts had enough male and female candidates step forward to run in district races. Security fears and violence are top reasons why so few wanted to run for district seats. Other reasons include high illiteracy rates among Afghans living in districts.

## ELIGIBLE VOTERS

Around 8.8 million people have registered to vote. Though there hasn't been a census for more than 30 years, Afghanistan's population is estimated to be more than 30 million. Of the registered voters, 64 percent are men and 34 percent are women; the remaining 2 percent are Kochis, Sikhs and Hindus.

## SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS

More than 50,000 members of the Afghan security forces will be deployed to secure polling stations. Afghan officials have announced three levels of security belts at each polling center. Police and members of the intelligence force will make up the first two belts, covering a distance of 3 to 5 kilometers (1.8 to 3 miles) from polling centers. The third security belt will be patrolled jointly by police and Afghan

five in southern Helmand province, a Taliban heartland. The other five districts include two in northeastern Badakhshan province and one each in northern Baghlan, Sari Pul and southern Zabul province.

## VIOLENCE AHEAD OF ELECTIONS

There have been deadly attacks against candidates and campaign rallies, both by the Taliban and Islamic States militants. Since the 20-day campaign period began, at least two candidates and over 34 civilians have been killed in such attacks, including suicide bombings, motorcycle bombs and drive-by shootings. In the run-up to campaigning, five candidates were killed and two were abducted, their fates unknown. Also, Afghan security forces accidentally killed three bodyguards of an independent candidate during a raid on a house near his residence.

On Thursday, Kandahar's powerful police chief Gen. Abdul Raziq and at least one other senior provincial official and two policemen were killed when an Afghan guard opened fire at a meeting with U.S. officials to discuss security ahead of the vote. There were conflicting reports on the fate of Kandahar governor, Zal-



# Malaysia ex-deputy PM charged with graft, money laundering

By EILEEN NG

Associated Press

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia

(AP) — Malaysia's former deputy prime minister was charged Friday with abuse of power, corruption and money laundering involving millions of dollars in another graft investigation against leaders ousted in elections earlier this year.

Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, who now leads the opposition after his party was defeated in the May general elections, was brought to court a day after he was detained by the anti-graft agency.

Zahid pleaded not guilty to 10 counts of criminal breach of trust involving nearly 21 million ringgit (\$5 million) in his family-run welfare group, eight counts of abusing power as home minister to receive bribes worth over 21 million ringgit for various projects including the supply of passport chips, and another 27 counts of laundering about



United Malays National Organization's (UMNO) Pexresident Ahmad Zahid Hamidi waves as he walks into courtroom at Kuala Lumpur High Court in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Friday, Oct. 19, 2018. Associated Press

72 million ringgit (\$17.3 million).

Former Prime Minister Najib Razak, who along with his wife was also charged with graft after the elections, appeared in court to

support his former deputy. Zahid took over as president of the United Malays National Organization, or UMNO, after Najib stepped down following their coalition's defeat for the first

time since independence from Britain in 1957.

Dozens of UMNO members rallied outside the court complex, slamming the charges as politically motivated. They carried

placards accusing the new government of adopting a "rule of the jungle" in an attempt to cripple the party. UMNO was the linchpin of the former ruling alliance, which has since disbanded, but the party still holds about a fifth of parliamentary seats.

Zahid, 65, was freed after posting bail. He told supporters that he considered the 45 charges against him as a "test from Allah." He indicated most of the money was meant for charity such as to build orphanages, mosques and other welfare programs, and that he will clear his name in court.

"Whatever the public opinion is, I leave it to Allah to decide. Allah willing, with all the good things I have done with the intention of upholding Allah's religion, I hope Allah will protect me," Zahid said. Each of the charges against him carries a prison term of up to 20 years, plus heavy fines. □

# Japan orders maker to fix questionable quake shock absorbers

By MARI YAMAGUCHI

Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) — The Japanese government on Friday ordered a company that falsified quality data for earthquake "shock absorbers" used in hundreds of buildings to speed up an investigation and fix any problems quickly.

KYB Corp. said this week that it and a subsidiary had been faking data on the equipment designed to absorb quake shakings since the early 2000s. The materials allegedly were used in some venues for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics, including a swimming pool that is under construction, and the Tokyo Skytree, the city's landmark 634-meter (2,080-foot)-high broadcast tower.

It's the latest in a slew of data manipulation cases at automakers, steel makers and other manufacturers that have tarnished Japan's reputation for honest craftsmanship. The issue is of special concern



KYB Corp. Senior Managing Executive Officer Keisuke Saito, right, and its affiliated firm Kayaba System Machinery Co., Ltd. President Shigeki Hirokado attend a press conference in Tokyo Friday, Oct. 19, 2018. Associated Press

in Japan, where densely populated cities are carefully engineered to take into account risks from frequent, often powerful

earthquakes.

The construction minister and experts say the false data do not mean the buildings equipped with

the shock absorbers would fail. KYB on Friday identified only 70 central and local government offices among nearly 1,000 affect-

ed apartment buildings, hospitals, sports halls, hotels and other facilities. Those were the only facilities that had given permission to be identified publicly, KYB executive Keisuke Saito told reporters in a news conference at the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transportation. The ministry was among the buildings identified as one of 11 sites whose quake-absorbing equipment failed to meet government quality standards. A fire station in Aomori in northern Japan, the Aichi prefectural government building in central Japan and prefectural buildings in Osaka and Kobe were also on that list.

"We are so sorry for our inappropriate actions," Saito said. KYB said another 17 local government buildings had failed to meet higher standards set by building owners, while the status of 42 others, including the Finance Ministry building in downtown Tokyo, was not known. □



# Venezuela's prosecutor rejects calls for independent probe

By JOSHUA GOODMAN

Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela

(AP) — Venezuela's chief prosecutor said he is investigating police officers who failed to keep safe an opposition politician who plunged from the 10th floor of a high-security building, even as he rejected calls for an independent probe into the suspicious death.

The death last week of Fernando Alban touched a nerve with many Venezuelans who doubt the government's account that the Caracas-area councilman took his own life just three days after his surprise arrest at an airport. Alban was returning from a trip to the U.N. General Assembly in New York to galvanize opinion against President Nicolas Maduro's socialist government.

In an interview, Chief Prosecutor Tarek William Saab downplayed the criticism and suggested that opposition leaders who insist that Alban was thrown from the building or tortured to death could face prosecution themselves.

"Those who say it was a murder haven't presented any evidence," he said. "They first have to give names of those who carried out the murder. But nobody has dared to do that because they know mak-



Venezuela's Chief Prosecutor Tarek William Saab works at his office in Caracas, Venezuela, Thursday, Oct. 18, 2018.

ing something up would be committing slander."

He said the autopsy performed on Alban was documented with photographs and the results were shared with Alban's family and lawyers for them to audit. So far, they haven't presented any objections, he said.

Saab rejected calls by opposition leaders for an independent probe carried out by international experts to settle conflicting reports over how he died. He said such calls, which have been backed by the

United States and other foreign governments, are an attempt to "interfere" in Venezuela's justice system. "We aren't going to delegate to any foreign government the ownership of our criminal justice system," Saab said. "That's abusive and disrespectful."

Still, he recognized that no prisoner should be able to commit suicide while in state custody and said those responsible for failing to protect him would be probed for negligence.

"His keepers were interviewed because they are

part of the investigation," he said.

For many Venezuelans, including some former government supporters, Alban's death has echoes of the dirty war tactics used by state agents in the 1960s and 1970s, when prominent leftists — including the father of Vice President Delcy Rodriguez — were found dead in jail cells with little explanation.

Saab, 56, took over as Venezuela's chief prosecutor 15 months ago when his predecessor Luisa Ortega was ousted by the pro-

government constitutional assembly that has taken powers from the opposition-controlled congress.

Since then, he's arrested dozens of senior officials, including two former heads of state-run oil giant PDVSA, on allegations of corruption — something the now-exiled Ortega was loath to do in the decade she was in charge.

But he's also faced criticism for wielding his power arbitrarily and failing to release dozens of activists jailed on what the opposition considers trumped-up charges. In August, Saab was with Maduro on stage at a military ceremony when explosives-laden drones were detonated nearby.

He said the evidence points to the involvement of prominent opposition politicians including former National Assembly President Julio Borges. Borges, now living in exile in Colombia, has called the accusations a baseless attempt to crush dissent amid an unprecedented economic crisis.

"It's a huge contradiction to say the autopsy can be audited but then threaten those who believe he was murdered," said Borges, who was with Alban at the U.N. General Assembly before his arrest at Caracas' airport. □

# The contrasts of Mexico's southern and northern borders

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Some 3,000 Central American migrants prepared to cross into Mexico from Guatemala on Friday with hopes of eventually arriving to the United States. Busloads of Mexican federal police were gathering in Ciudad Hidalgo and a Mexican military helicopter flew along the river in anticipation.

Here is a look at the differences between the Guatemala-Mexico border and the U.S.-Mexico border between Tijuana and San Diego where members of a migrant caravan arrived last spring.

WHAT'S THE GUATEMALA-



In this July 14, 2013, file photo, pastors and others raise their arms on the San Diego side of border fence during a cross-border Sunday religious service with others on the Tijuana, Mexico side of the fence.

Associated Press

MEXICO BORDER LIKE?

The official border crossing is a bridge connecting the cities of Tecun Uman, Guatemala and Ciudad Hidalgo, Mexico. A gate onto the bridge on the Guatemalan side was closed Friday and blocked by police. But rafts also cross the swift-moving Suchiate River, moving cargo and people between the two countries day and night, typically without much government interference. Locals said they had been warned by Mexican authorities not to carry people. At times Mexico has stepped up its immigration patrols along the border, but it has had more success

patrolling the roads leading away from the crossing where migrants catch rides or walk along the roadside.

WHAT'S THE U.S.-MEXICO BORDER LIKE?

The U.S.-Mexico border between Tijuana and San Diego is the world's busiest land border crossing. It is also the most heavily fortified segment between both countries and now sees comparatively few illegal crossings. In some places in the area, the U.S. has installed three layers of walls and fencing. There is also bright lighting, roads patrolled by the Border Patrol and surveillance technology. □



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## The Ritz-Carlton, Aruba goes pink

**PALM BEACH —** The Ritz-Carlton, Aruba is going pink in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Throughout the month of October, guests and locals alike are invited to support Mary Joan Foundation – dedicated to creating an easily accessible, holistic and integrated, patient and survivor friendly, care system in Aruba – via a host of unique offerings created by the resort's spa and F&B team.

Divi Sushi Bar & Lounge in The Ritz-Carlton, Aruba will offer "Pink Power" and "Pink Promise" cocktails, made especially for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. With every purchase of a pink cocktail, this contemporary, all-day lobby bar and lounge will donate a percentage of the total price to Mary Joan Foundation.

In order to help support this important cause, at The Ritz-Carlton Spa, Aruba, homemade pink sugar scrubs will be available for purchase and one-third of each sold scrub will be donated to the Mary Joan Foundation. A "Pretty in Pink Massage" with complimentary pink mud scalp massage will be available during the month of Oc-

tober on the spa menu as well as a Custom Facial treatment, which a percentage will be donated as well to the Mary Joan Foundation. As a thank you to the guests, The Ritz-Carlton Spa, Aruba will offer a glass of complimentary Pink Champagne for each reserved treatment.

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## Help Aruba be Polio Free



**ORANJESTAD — The Rotaract Club of Aruba is well known for its activities during the whole year. Sunday October 21<sup>st</sup> is the celebration of World Polio Day and therefore they are organizing a 5 KM walk/run in benefit of Ending Polio in Aruba.**

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The funds collected for this event will be donated to help Aruba in all ways to be Polio free. The event will take place at Plaza Nikki Habibe on Sunday October 21<sup>st</sup> 2018. Registration starts at 4 PM. Come and join this walk/run with the



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Armando's goal is to create awareness about Aruban nature, especially with the youth and therefore he visits schools and he is member of Korteweg, an organization of young artists aiming to bring art under the attention of the public. A short recap: he is an artist, film maker, body boarder and surfer, nature lover and nature protector. ☐





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## A Divine Storm

There may come a phase in one's life that nothing seems to work out as usual, nothing that used to be in coherence is suddenly incoherent. Nothing that you can do somehow fixes the issues when it used to. You may have run out of moves and do not have any idea on what is going on. This in short could be called as a Divine Storm.

Maybe your finances are crumbling, relationships rocky, health unstable, etc. All may be occurring at the same time or one after the other.

This is that moment where one turns inward for answers, turn to the Divine with questions, and this also may be the time to go on a retreat or seek for a higher realm.

This is the most pivotal point in one's life wherein the calling from the Divine is upon oneself and turning inwards shall give us an opportunity for deep and profound answers that we may seek. Spiritual books and teachers may suddenly appear in our sights that assists in our spiritual journey.

Yoga and meditation may start to be an integral part of one's life. 5 or 10 years after a divine storm, one shall look back and fully understand that it was the most important part of your life that directed you into a more fully lived, more joyous and peaceful than we could have ever imagined.

A divine storm is when the higher forces comes into your life to redirect you to a life more fulfilling and what you have come here to experience. □



Suresh Mirchumal is a spiritual writer. "Well, you can categorize it like that, although I don't call myself one. These thoughts come in effortlessly." His aim is in a way to reach out to whoever gets inspired or has an eye opening event within them that may transcend their current state of consciousness. "Or let's say current emotional state too. If one in a thousand benefits, that is already great." Due to the current world state, lots of struggles and stresses, we seem to lose touch with that inner peace that we long for, Suresh explains. "I wish to ease that through these small articles or tidbits." You will find his tidbits in Aruba Today, like a sunray of the day. If you wish to make use of Suresh his services like meditation or just a talk, please email to: [The dimension of silence@gmail.com](mailto:The dimension of silence@gmail.com).



# SPORTS



In this Aug. 1, 2013 file photo, Seattle Mariners bench coach Robby Thompson, filling in for manager Eric Wedge, signals to the bullpen for a pitching change in the ninth inning of a baseball game against the Seattle Mariners in Boston.

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## New technology only adds to baseball's culture of paranoia

By NOAH TRISTER  
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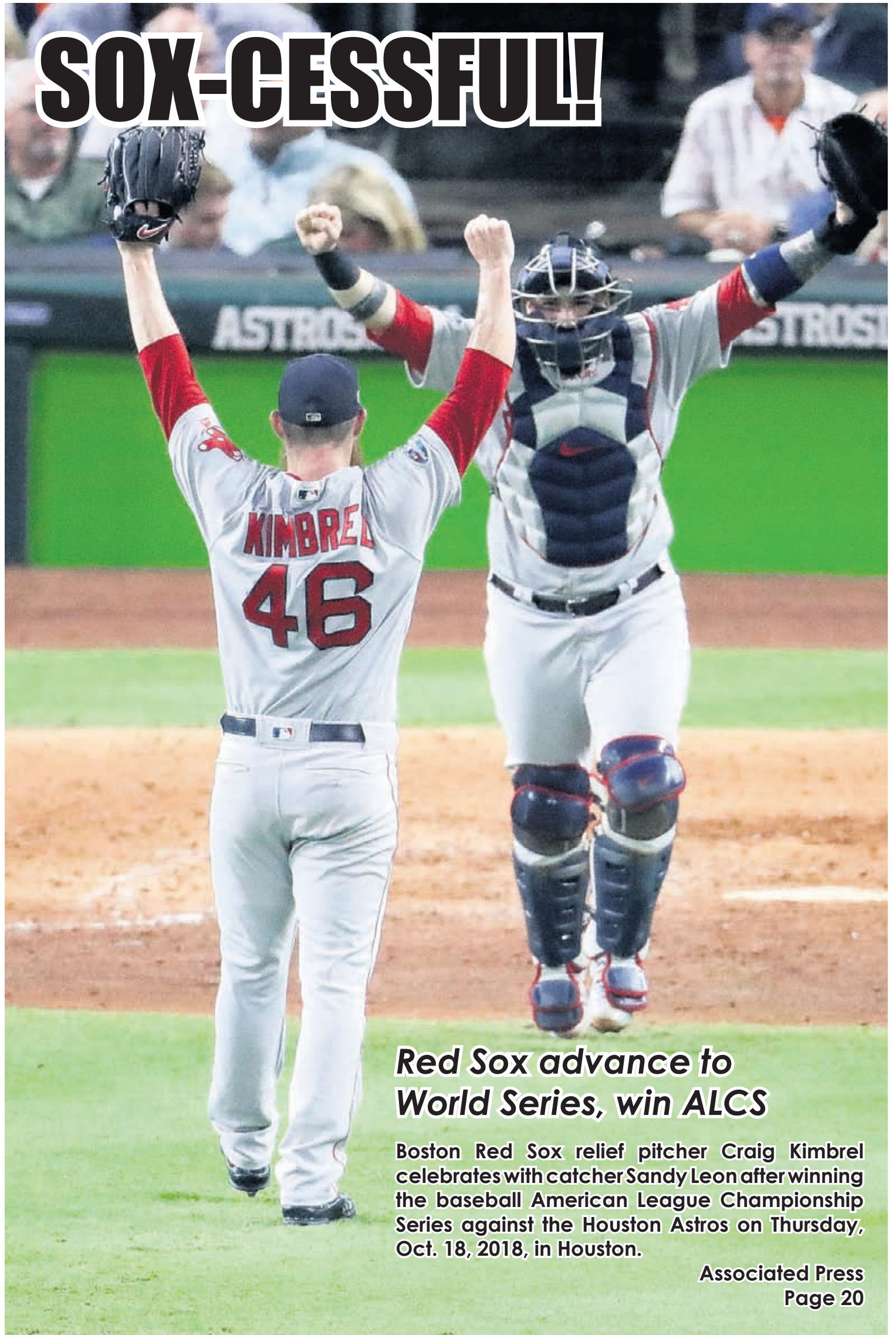
It probably felt like a cutting-edge caper at the time: The New York Giants, using an elaborate spy-glass-and-buzzer system, would have the opposing team's signs relayed from their center-field clubhouse at the Polo Grounds to the bullpen and then to the batter, passing along valuable information during the team's pursuit of the 1951 pennant.

The question nowadays is whether there's an app for that.

Stealing signs is as much a part of baseball tradition as stealing bases, but the technology available now could open a whole new frontier of competitive sleuthing.

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# SOX-CESSFUL!



## Red Sox advance to World Series, win ALCS

Boston Red Sox relief pitcher Craig Kimbrel celebrates with catcher Sandy Leon after winning the baseball American League Championship Series against the Houston Astros on Thursday, Oct. 18, 2018, in Houston.

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# Blazers spoil James' debut with 128-119 win over the Lakers

**By The Associated Press**  
**PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)** — LeBron James opened with two thunderous dunks and had 26 points and 12 rebounds in his first game with the Los Angeles Lakers, but the Portland Trail Blazers prevailed 128-119 Thursday night in the season opener for both teams.

Damian Lillard had 28 points and Nik Stauskas came off the bench to score 24 for Portland, which won its 18th straight home opener to extend an NBA record.

It was the Blazers' 16th straight victory over the Lakers.

The opening festivities were tempered by the death this week of Trail Blazers owner Paul Allen. A "Rip City" baseball cap rested in Allen's courtside seat with a single rose.

The enigmatic co-founder of Microsoft died Monday in Seattle from complications of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. He was 65. There was moment of silence before the game and tributes

to Allen throughout the night.

On the court, the focus was all on James. His monster dunks to start stunned the Moda Center crowd while Nike co-founder Phil Knight looked on from courtside seats.

**76ERS 127, BULLS 108**

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — Ben Simmons had a triple-double with 13 points, 13 rebounds and 11 assists and Joel Embiid had 30 points and 12 rebounds in Philadelphia's victory over Chicago.

Zach LaVine led the Bulls with 30 points in their season opener.

The curious case of Markelle Fultz continued when one of the more scrutinized players in the NBA managed to steal the spotlight from his more accomplished teammate with simple jumpers.

Fultz had open looks early and 76ers fans exhorted him to "Shoot! Shoot!" each time he touched the ball as the second-year guard tries to overcome his

aversion to jumpers.

He found the look he wanted 3 minutes into the second quarter. Fultz dribbled to the foul line and hit an uncontested pull-up jumper, the ball rattling around the rim four times before it plopped through the net for two points. Fans erupted in cheers as they gave him a standing ovation and chanted "Fultz! Fultz! Fultz!" Fultz was 1 of 6 in 15 minutes in the first half and didn't play again until late in the third and the Sixers leading by 88-68.

**HEAT 113, WIZARDS 112**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Kelly Olynyk's putback of Dwyane Wade's missed jumper produced the go-ahead basket with 0.2 seconds left, lifting Miami past Washington.

Josh Richardson led Miami with 28 points, Rodney McGruder added 20, and the Heat hit consecutive 3s late in the fourth quarter.

With Washington center Dwight Howard sidelined by a sore backside, the Wizards were led by old



Los Angeles Lakers forward LeBron James dunks against the Portland Trail Blazers during the first half of an NBA basketball game in Portland, Ore., Thursday, Oct. 18, 2018.

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standby John Wall, who delivered 26 points and nine assists. He and fellow All-Star guard Bradley Beal, who scored 20 points, accounted for Washington's last eight points.

But with a 112-111 lead,

Wall missed a 26-foot pull-up jumper, giving Miami a chance.

Wade's shot with about 3 seconds left was off the mark, and Olynyk grabbed the rebound and his layup won it.

# Crowd of 50,000-plus will watch Minnesota's last home game

**By DAVE CAMPBELL**

**AP Sports Writer**

**MINNEAPOLIS (AP)** — After almost two full years as a Major League Soccer franchise, Minnesota United FC has been an unquestionably successful draw in a crowded sports market.

The Loons have more than 50,000 tickets sold and distributed for their final home game of the season to prove it.

When Minnesota hosts a Los Angeles team that needs a win Sunday to stay in contention the Western Conference playoffs, superstar Zlatan Ibrahimovic and the Galaxy will be the target of more than twice the usual jeers from the crowd at TCF Bank Stadium. The Loons have averaged about 22,000 fans per game, the seventh-most in the 23-team MLS.

"It's going to be one of



In this Sept. 22, 2018 file photo, Minnesota United defender Michael Boxall (15) celebrates after scoring a goal against the Portland Timbers in the first half of an MLS soccer match in Minneapolis.

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those nights that before it actually happens you can't imagine how it's going to be," Minnesota defender Michael Boxall said. "I think

it's going to be an unforgettable evening, and we will do everything we can to make it unforgettable for the 50K that show up."

Next spring, the Loons will move from the University of Minnesota's football stadium to St. Paul to play in under-construction Allianz Field. The farewell to their temporary home will include post-match fireworks and a ceremonial lighting of the new, 19,400-capacity venue across the river. Concessions will include \$2 hot dogs and \$1 popcorn as a throwback to 1976, when a crowd of 49,572 watched the Minnesota Kicks play a North American Soccer League game at Metropolitan Stadium in Bloomington. That's the previous attendance record for a Minnesota soccer team, though an international friendly between AC Milan and Chelsea drew a crowd of 64,101 to U.S. Bank Stadium, the first ticketed event at the home of the NFL's Minnesota Vikings. With ev-

ery major professional sport represented as well as the home of a Big Ten university that is the only power-conference school in the state, the Twin Cities area has a lot of competition for ticket-buyers. The core of Loons fans were already passionate in place, though, when the club played in the NASL until the MLS granted the expansion bid for 2017. Now with three recognized supporters groups, the interest in the squad has only grown.

"I would love to think that we're going to beat the L.A. Galaxy and we'll have 50,000 people signing 'Wonderwall' by Oasis afterward," Minnesota United chief executive officer Chris Wright said. "Who'd have thought that was possible in the state of Minnesota? Not only is it possible, it's relevant."



# New technology only adds to baseball's culture of paranoia

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The latest flare-up came when a man associated with the Houston Astros was pointing his cellphone into opposing dugouts during playoff games against Cleveland and Boston.

The Astros said they were just trying to defend themselves against any suspicious activity from opponents.

There's clearly plenty of paranoia to go around.

"The game is so ultra-competitive and there's so small margins between really good teams and really good players and there's a lot at stake," Houston manager AJ Hinch said before losing to the Red Sox in the AL Championship Series. "So we do have to find a healthy place for everyone to be comfortable moving forward competitively because it's a bigger topic than even one instance."

The art of sign stealing ranges from the mundane — a baserunner trying to decode the catcher's signals and let the batter know what's coming — to more complex spying schemes. Even 19th century technology could apparently be useful.

In his 2007 book "The Cheater's Guide to Baseball," Derek Zumsteg mentions an 1898 incident in Philadelphia when a visiting player found a buried wire in the area around third base.

"The wire ran all the way to the home team's clubhouse in the outfield," Zumsteg wrote, "where a player would sit with binoculars and signal the pitch by setting the ground under the third base coach shaking, and the coach would in turn alert the batter."

"The 1951 Giants famously beat out the Dodgers for

the National League pennant on Bobby Thomson's playoff-winning homer. A half-century later, New York's sign-stealing system was laid bare in a Wall Street Journal story that quoted members of that team.

The bullpen would receive the signs from the clubhouse via a buzzer system. Catcher Sal Yvars said he relayed them to hitters.

Fast forward to the present era, and the possibilities for surreptitious surveillance seem endless.

"If they're in the dugout, and they're in there trying to steal our signs, I think that's part of the game," said Dave Dombrowski, president of baseball operations for the Red Sox. "If you're doing electronic devices, that's against the rules. We were penalized last year."

The Red Sox were indeed fined last year for using an Apple Watch while trying to steal signs from the New York Yankees.

Major League Baseball says before this postseason, teams contacted the commissioner's office about sign stealing and "the inappropriate use of video equipment" — and it wasn't just one team that was the target of those concerns.

This week's controversy brought suspicion upon the Astros — and Houston in turn expressed its own suspicions of other teams.

MLB essentially agreed with the Astros' explanation, saying an investigation of recent incidents concluded "that an Astros employee was monitoring the field to ensure that the opposing club was not violating any rules."

Houston general manager Jeff Luhnow said his team always has its guard up.

"There's a lot of technology in ballparks these days, video cameras and high-speed cameras and high-magnification cameras," Luhnow said.

"When we go into an opposing ballpark, we tend to look around and make sure that we don't see any suspicious activity. We've been doing that as a matter of course for a while."

Watch any game, and you can find evidence of the lengths teams might go if they're worried about who is watching.

It's one thing for a catcher to switch to more complex signs to avoid giving away the next pitch to a runner on second — but now a team might do that even if the bases are empty.

"We utilize multiple signs with nobody on base. Other teams do that as well," Hinch said.

"We ask a lot out of our catchers. We have 12, 13, sometimes 14 pitchers on a roster that can all have different signs and different sequences."

One way to avoid having signs stolen is for the catcher and pitcher to have a private meeting — but mound visits were slowing the game so much that baseball put a limit on them.

There have already been seven passed balls in the postseason this year — there were six in the whole 2017 postseason — so perhaps pitchers and catchers are getting crossed up more often.

For decades, sign stealing was a mysterious, almost charming addition to baseball's culture, but too much suspicion can certainly hurt the sport.

"I think there is a paranoia about what you're doing competitively to try to be your best," Hinch said. "And when teams are curious about us or we're curious about other teams, it's largely a distraction away from the best part of the game, which is on the field with the players." □



In this June 8, 2011 file photo, Arizona Diamondbacks bench coach Alan Trammell, left, gives signals standing next to manager Kirk Gibson during the fifth inning of a baseball game against the Pittsburgh Pirates in Pittsburgh.

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# Red Sox sail into World Series, set for ace Sale's return

**HOUSTON (AP)** — David Price, at last, looked like a postseason ace. Craig Kimbrel pitched a lockdown inning. And much-maligned Jackie Bradley Jr. became an MVP.

Most everything went right for the Red Sox as they sailed into the World Series. Now the big question for Boston: Is everything all right with ace Chris Sale?

"We're not perfect. That's the cool thing about this team. We feel that we can keep improving. And we have one more series to go," triumphant manager Alex Cora said Thursday night.

On his 43rd birthday, Cora became the first manager from Puerto Rico to take a team to the World Series. The club that led the majors with 108 wins this season eliminated the defending champion Houston Astros with a 4-1 victory, taking the AL Championship Series 4-1.

After the Red Sox surrounded Cora in the clubhouse and sang "happy birthday!" to their rookie skipper, they began turning their attention to next week.

Game 1 of the World Series is Tuesday night at Fenway Park against the Los Angeles Dodgers or Milwaukee Brewers. The Dodgers hold a 3-2 lead in the NLCS going into Game 6 on Friday night at Miller Park.

The Red Sox will try to bring Boston its fourth crown in 15 years — this is their first



The Boston Red Sox pose for a picture after winning the baseball American League Championship Series against the Houston Astros on Thursday, Oct. 18, 2018, in Houston. Red Sox won 4-1.

World Series trip since winning it all in 2013.

Those extra days off at home will give Sale even more time to rest up.

The seven-time All-Star has been regaining strength since his release Monday from Massachusetts General Hospital, where he spent Sunday night for observation because of a stomach illness. The club hasn't specified Sale's ailment or treatment.

Cora said before Thursday night's game that the lefty ace was prepared for his next start — either in the ALCS or the World Series opener.

"We knew the skinny guy was ready for Game 6," Cora said after Price and the Red Sox finished off the

Astros.

Sale went 12-4 with a 2.11 ERA this season, but was limited down the stretch because of shoulder trouble. His velocity dipped in the playoffs, where he won the AL Division Series opener against the New York Yankees and also relieved in the clinching Game 4.

Sale lost the ALCS opener to Houston, working four uneven innings. After recently losing weight, he threw on flat ground Thursday, leading Cora to say Sale was ready.

The rest of the Red Sox look locked in.

Price had been 0-9 with a 6.16 ERA in 11 career postseason starts before holding Houston to three hits in six shutout innings, striking

out nine.

The 2012 AL Cy Young Award winner was thrilled he won't be asked again about that zero in the win column.

"That's awesome," Price said. "I don't have to prepare myself for it in spring training on Feb. 20 or September when I've still got five regular-season starts. I don't have to answer that question anymore. And man, it feels good."

Cora felt equally good after watching Price outpitch October star Justin Verlander for the victory.

"There was a lot of noise," Cora said. "I heard somebody today on TV just blasting David, blasting him, calling him the worst pitcher in the postseason. Yeah,

the numbers are there, I know, but he was saying this — he didn't hesitate. It was a bad matchup, one of the greatest against the worst and all that."

"I don't listen too much to what's going on outside, but that one got me," he added. "But you know what? I'm happy that David showed up today. And tomorrow we can turn the page and move on to the World Series with David Price." Kimbrel, who's had some shaky outings lately, threw a hitless ninth for his fifth save this postseason. Boston slugger J.D. Martinez homered and star outfielders Mookie Betts and Andrew Benintendi made running catches in the clincher. Bradley, stuck in a slump for much of the season, batted just .200 and his three hits were the fewest for any position player to win MVP of a league championship series.

But he did plenty of damage with a grand slam, two-run homer and a three-run double. "There's nobody on this team that I can think of in baseball that deserves it more than Jackie," Price said.

"He continues to push forward through everything that he has to go through. Watching him line out, hitting balls 100-plus miles an hour routinely this year and last year, to see him get that MVP award, to get those big hits, I'm so pumped for him." □

## Red Sox ace Sale feeling better, set to start in Series



Boston Red Sox starting pitcher Chris Sale warms up during batting practice before Game 4 of a baseball American League Championship Series against the Houston Astros on Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2018, in Houston.

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**HOUSTON (AP)** — Chris Sale is set to make his next scheduled start for the Boston Red Sox. And now, he knows that will be in the World Series.

Red Sox manager Alex Cora said Thursday that Sale threw on flat ground again earlier in the day and was feeling better since a stomach illness led to him spending a night in the hospital.

"So he's ready for his next start," Cora said before Game 5 of the AL Cham-

pionship Series.

Boston's 4-1 victory over the Houston Astros put the Red Sox in the World Series for the first time since 2013. Sale is expected to start the opener Tuesday night at Fenway Park against the Los Angeles Dodgers or Milwaukee Brewers.

Sale was initially slated to pitch Game 5 of the ALCS on Thursday, but was ruled out because the illness left him weak.

If the Red Sox had lost, Sale would have been

lined up to start a Game 6 back home on Saturday.

Instead, his teammates closed out the series, and the lefty ace gets more time to rest and recover.

Sale has been regaining strength since his release Monday from Massachusetts General Hospital, where he spent Sunday night for observation.

The club hasn't specified Sale's ailment or treatment, though Cora has said it was nothing serious. □





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# Penguins end Maple Leafs' 5-game winning streak

By The Associated Press

**TORONTO (AP)** — Matt Murray made 38 saves for his first shutout of the season and the Pittsburgh Penguins snapped the Toronto Maple Leafs' winning streak at five games with a stifling 3-0 victory Thursday night.

Evgeni Malkin had two goals and an assist, scoring early and adding an empty-net goal. Kris Letang also had an empty-netter, and Sidney Crosby picked up an assist to tie Darryl Sittler for 60th on the NHL's career points list with 1,221.

Toronto's Auston Matthews, the NHL in scoring with 16 points on 10 goals and six assists, was looking to become the third player in NHL to start a season with eight consecutive multi-point games. The Maple Leafs came in averaging an NHL-high 4.71 goals.

Murray returned from a concussion that sidelined him for three games. He has seven career shutouts. Frederik Andersen stopped 36 shots for Toronto.

#### LIGHTNING 3, RED WINGS 1

**TAMPA, Fla. (AP)** — Steven Stamkos scored his first goal of the season, Andrei Vasilevskiy made 29 saves and Tampa Bay beat Detroit.

Stamkos ended a 16-game regular-season goal drought dating to last season from the slot with 4:41 left in the second. The goal gave the Lightning a 2-1 lead.

Brayden Point and Alex Killorn also scored for the Lightning. They went 4-1-0 on a season-opening homestand, and have won 12 in a row against the Red Wings.

Detroit is 0-5-2, its worst season-opening stretch since opening the 1985-86 season with eight losses and a tie. Luke Glendening scored for the Red Wings.

#### AVALANCHE 5, DEVILS 3

**NEWARK, N.J. (AP)** — Gabriel Landeskog broke a tie with 3:22 left with his third

in the second period and Sergei Bobrovsky had 32 saves in Columbus' victory over Philadelphia.

also scored.

Erik Gustafsson scored for Chicago.

#### OILERS 3, BRUINS 2, OT



Pittsburgh Penguins centre Evgeni Malkin (71) and teammate Pittsburgh Penguins left wing Carl Hagelin (62) watch as the puck goes over Toronto Maple Leafs goaltender Frederik Andersen's glove during third period NHL hockey action in Toronto on Thursday, Oct. 18, 2018.

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goal of the game, helping Colorado beat New Jersey. Landeskog one-timed Mikko Rantanen's pass from behind the net to complete his third career hat trick. He scored earlier in the third period on a deflection of a shot by Ian Cole.

Philipp Grubauer stopped 27 shots for his first victory of the season.

Rantanen scored on an empty-netter with 12 seconds left and added three assists, giving him an NHL-leading 11 this season. Sven Andrighetto also scored for Colorado.

The Devils lost for the first time after opening the season with four straight victories. Taylor Hall had a goal and two assists, and Nico Hischier and Brian Boyle also scored.

#### BLUE JACKETS 6, FLYERS 3

**COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)** — Cam Atkinson scored twice

Atkinson's goals, both set up with on-target passes from Artemi Panarin, were part of a three-goal flurry in a seven-minute span that gave Columbus the lead. Anthony Duclair, Nick Foligno, Josh Anderson and Sonny Milano also scored for the Blue Jackets. Travis Konecny had a goal and an assist for the Flyers, and Oskar Lindblom and Sean Coururier also scored.

#### COYOTES 4, BLACKHAWKS 1

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Vinnie Hinostroza scored twice against his former team, Antti Raanta made 33 saves and Arizona spoiled Chicago goalie Corey Crawford's season debut. Clayton Keller had a goal and an assist to help Arizona improve to 1-1 on a four-game trip. The Coyotes entered with just four goals on the season. Lawson Crouse

**EDMONTON, Alberta (AP)** — Leon Draisaitl scored in overtime to give the Edmonton Oilers a 3-2 victory over the Boston Bruins on Thursday night in their home opener.

Connor McDavid set up the winner at 37 seconds of the extra period, and Kailer Yamamoto and Ryan Nugent-Hopkins also scored to help the Oilers win their third straight.

David Krejci and David Pastrnak scored for Boston. The Bruins have dropped two in a row.

#### JETS 4, CANUCKS 1

**WINNIPEG, Manitoba (AP)** — Patrik Laine and Bryan Little scored power-play goals to help Winnipeg beat Vancouver.

Dustin Byfuglien had a goal and two assists, Andrew Copp added a goal, and Connor Hellebuyck made 26 saves. Bo Horvat scored

for the Canucks, and Anders Nilsson stopped 28 shots.

#### SHARKS 5, SABRES 1

**SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP)** — Logan Couture had his third career hat trick and San Jose scored three times on the power play to beat Buffalo in the Sharks' first game back from a five-game road trip.

Couture and Joonas Donskoi scored power-play goals 27 seconds apart in the first period following a double-minor against Kyle Okposo for high sticking. Couture added an even-strength goal in the third period off a feed from Evander Kane and capped the night with an empty-net goal.

Joe Pavelski also scored on the power-play in the third, giving the Sharks three goals with the man advantage after having just two in the first six games.

Martin Jones made 24 saves for the Sharks.

Jake McCabe scored the lone goal for the Sabres, who fell to 1-2 on their five-game Western swing. Carter Hutton made 34 saves.

#### ISLANDERS 7, KINGS 2

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Valtteri Filppula scored twice and the Islanders snapped a two-game road losing streak.

Casey Cizikas had a goal for the second straight game, and Josh Bailey scored on the power play. Robin Lehner made 28 saves for the Islanders.

Jonathan Quick made his first start for the Kings after missing five games because of a lower-body injury, but was pulled with 10:40 remaining after allowing six goals on 29 shots. Tyler Toffoli and Jeff Carter each scored on the power play, and Los Angeles lost its third straight game. □



# Flexed: NFL's nice move had Bengals-Chiefs in prime time

By BARRY WILNER  
AP Pro Football Writer

It's been a while since the NFL flexed a game to Sunday night. The Bengals vs. Chiefs is a worthy choice.

No games were moved from day to night last season, except for the final weekend, when all games are scheduled for the afternoon until the league and NBC figure out what is most attractive for prime time. Back in 2016, there were three flexed games, including Week 17. Not counting that, the last flex was Bucs at Cowboys on Dec. 18, 2016.

So switching a pair of first-place teams made sense: Cincinnati (4-2) is at Kansas City (5-1).

Some of the juicy plot lines involve offense, hardly a surprise in this year of points, points and more points. Kansas City has the league's lowest-ranked defense and the Bengals rank 29th. Even worse, both are dealing with a slew of injuries on that side of the ball. So Patrick Mahomes throwing to Tyreek Hill and Travis Kelce and Kareem Hunt could fill the screen. So might Andy Dalton connecting with A.J. Green and Tyler Boyd.

"Any time you want to be one of the great ones on the defense or you want your defense to have a statement-type game, you have to do it against the best offenses in the league," Cincinnati defensive end Carlos Dunlap said. "And right now, they're putting up those points like they're one of the best offenses in the league. So you've got to go out there and put it on 'em."

There are some caveats to this matchup, however.

Although the Bengals have won four straight in the series dating to Oct. 14, 2007, they are 3-15 on Sunday nights, losing eight straight. The Chiefs are 7-3 in games on Sunday nights.

The weekend began with Denver's 45-10 victory at Arizona on Thursday night. Emmanuel Sanders threw and caught touchdown passes, Denver returned two interceptions for first-



In this Sunday, Oct. 14, 2018, file photo, Kansas City Chiefs wide receiver Tyreek Hill strikes a pose as he warms up before an NFL football game against the New England Patriots in Foxborough, Mass.

quarter touchdowns and the Broncos snapped a four-game losing streak.

Todd Davis returned rookie Josh Rosen's deflected pass for a touchdown on the second play of the game and Chris Harris Jr. took another back 53 yards for a score with 2:02 left in the quarter as the Broncos (3-4) opened a 21-3 lead. Rosen threw three interceptions and fumbled the ball away twice on a rough night that began badly for him and never got better. The Cardinals (1-6), down 35-3 at the half, fell to 0-4 at home for the first time since 1979.

Off this week are Seattle (3-3), Green Bay (3-2-1), Oakland (1-5) and Pittsburgh (3-2-1).

New England (4-2) at Chicago (3-2)

Seems like every week, the Patriots' opponent is battered by injuries to key players. No one is more key in Chicago than edge rusher Khalil Mack, who is battling an ankle problem.

Just what Tom Brady needs against one of the five teams he's never lost to. Brady is 4-0 against the Bears; the others are Atlanta (5-0), Dallas (4-0), Minnesota (4-0) and Tampa Bay (4-0).

While the Bears should be

able to move the ball on New England, they'll likely need lots of points for a chance in this one.

New Orleans (4-1) at Baltimore (4-2)

Just like Patriots-Bears, this is one terrific offense against defense matchup. New Orleans ranks third in total offense and Baltimore is first on defense.

Led by Drew Brees, who set the yards passing career mark in a rout of the Redskins before their bye the Saints have won four in a row. Nobody is more balanced with the ball now that RB Mark Ingram is back from suspension to team with dynamic Alvin Kamara. Brees, who is 0-4 vs. the Ravens, this year has a 78 percent completion rate for 1,658 yards with 11 touchdowns and no interceptions.

The Ravens had 11 sacks last week against Tennessee and a league-most 26 overall. They are allowing an NFL-low 12.8 points per game and the fewest yards per game (270.8). Baltimore has four of the NFL's past 14 shutouts since the start of the 2017 season.

Carolina (3-2) at Philadelphia (3-3)

An intriguing matchup of a solid running team in Carolina, led by Christian McCaf-

frey and QB Cam Newton, facing the second-stingiest rushing defense in a place where the Eagles are 17-4 under Doug Pederson. As for the air game, which seemingly everyone needs to succeed these days, Carolina is far too inconsistent.

Meanwhile, Carson Wentz has thrown at least one TD in his past 19 games played, the longest streak in franchise history and second-longest active streak behind Andrew Luck (28). Wentz has thrown 133 consecutive passes without a pick. His longest streak is 135 passes.

Tennessee (3-3) vs. Los Angeles Chargers (4-2) at London

The Titans were humiliated at home by Baltimore and should welcome the long trip overseas. Then again, they have lost 10 of the past 11 to the Chargers and bring a sputtering offense into Wembley.

Although Tennessee has a solid D, it faces an in-synch offense. The Chargers are 13-5 since starting last season 0-4 and QB Philip Rivers leads the AFC and ranks second in the NFL with a 115.1 passer rating. He has 13 TD passes and four interceptions in seven games vs. the Titans.

Houston (3-3) at Jacksonville (3-3)

The other AFC South leaders.

After beginning the season with three defeats, the Texans have turned it around, albeit all their wins have been tight affairs, two in overtime.

Defensive end J.J. Watt, perhaps the NFL's best player when healthy, is back in form after missing most of the 2016 and '17 seasons with injuries. Watt has seven sacks and three forced fumbles in the past four games.

The Jaguars have a solid defense, too, particularly against the pass, where they ranked first in yards surrendered. But Jacksonville was outscored 70-21 in consecutive road losses, forcing coach Doug Marrone to return to training camp practices this week to emphasize fundamental football.

Dallas (3-3) at Washington (3-2)

Among pro sports' most intense rivalries, this will be a physical and possibly low-scoring affair given the strength of both defenses and imbalance of the offenses.

Dallas, winless on the road, will try to run with Ezekiel Elliott, second in rushing yards with 586 and third in yards from scrimmage with 752. Washington will counter with Adrian Peterson, who averaged 108.5 yards rushing in the past two home games.

Minnesota (3-2-1) at New York Jets (3-3)

The Vikings have never won at the Jets, going 0-5. To break that slump, the main weapon could be WR Adam Thielen. He had 11 catches for 123 yards last week, joining Houston's Charley Hennigan (1961) as the only players in NFL history with 100 or more yards in each of his team's first six games to begin a season. Thielen leads the NFL with 58 catches, the most by a player in the first six games in league history, and 712 yards receiving.

Guess what: New York's secondary is banged-up and porous. □

Associated Press





Denver Broncos cornerback Chris Harris (25) high fives linebacker Todd Davis (51) as he scores a touchdown after an interception against the Arizona Cardinals during the first half of an NFL football game, Thursday, Oct. 18, 2018, in Glendale, Ariz.

Associated Press

**By BOB BAUM**  
**AP Sports Writer**

Von Miller vowed his Denver Broncos would kick the Arizona Cardinals' behind, except he didn't say behind.

Consider it a promise kept. Emmanuel Sanders threw and caught touchdown passes, Denver returned two interceptions for first-quarter touchdowns and the Broncos snapped a four-game losing streak with a 45-10 rout Thursday night.

"It wasn't even for the Cardinals, it was for my teammates," Miller said about that rear end-kicking comment. "I just thought what we were missing was the confidence part of it. I thought about it and that is not even like me, but I felt

that was the best thing to do to get my teammates going, and it worked."

Todd Davis returned rookie Josh Rosen's deflected pass for a touchdown on the second play of the game and Chris Harris Jr. took another back 53 yards for a score with 2:02 left in the quarter as the Broncos (3-4) opened a 21-3 lead.

"It has been a tough, tough two weeks," Denver coach Vance Joseph said. "We had a tough loss on Sunday. We had a short week so it is really good for our football team to win a game."

Rosen threw three interceptions and fumbled the ball away twice on a rough night that began badly for him and never got better. He limped off the field after

he was sacked for the sixth time, on a fourth-and-16 play near the end of the game but said afterward he was fine.

"I obviously didn't play up to my standard or even close to it," Rosen said.

The Cardinals (1-6), down 35-3 at the half, fell to 0-4 at home for the first time since 1979.

"Definitely an embarrassing effort tonight," Arizona first-year coach Steve Wilks said. "Our fans deserve more than that. We've got to come out and perform better than that."

Offensive coordinator Mike McCoy already was considered on shaky ground, but Wilks said it was "premature" to talk about any changes that could be coming.

## Broncos return 2 interceptions for TDs, beat Cardinals 45-10

Case Keenum completed 14 of 21 passes for 161 yards and a touchdown with one interception for Denver. Phillip Lindsay rushed for 90 yards on 14 carries, including a 28-yard TD run.

Rosen had called a time out after the game's first play. Then his pass was deflected by the outstretched hand of defensive end Derek Wolfe. The ball dropped into the hands of Davis, who ran it in from there.

Arizona followed with a three-and-out and the Broncos quickly made it 14-0 with a six-play, 77-yard drive. Sanders took the ball on an end around and threw to a wide open Courtland Sutton 28 yards for the touchdown.

The receiver may have run the wrong route on Rosen's second "pick six." In a third-and-one situation from the Arizona 46, Rosen passed but there was no one near the ball except Harris, who returned it 53 yards to make it 21-3.

The Broncos made it 28-3 in the second quarter when Keenum found Harris wide open on a 64-yard TD play, the Denver receiver doing a front flip over the goal line.

A pass interference play against Bene Benwikere in the end zone set up Royce Freeman's one-yard TD run that made it 35-3 with 21 seconds left in the half. The run capped a 15-play,

70-yard drive that used up 6:39.

The Arizona fans booed as the team left the field for the half, while there were cheers from the sizable contingent of orange-clad Broncos supporters.

### FITZ SCORES

The Cardinals got their only touchdown in the third quarter, Rosen throwing four yards to Larry Fitzgerald for the score. Fitzgerald's first TD catch of the season came at the end of an 11-play, 63-yard drive that followed Patrick Peterson's interception. Fitzgerald has 111 career TDs to tie Tony Gonzalez for seventh on the NFL's list.

### INJURIES

Denver lost two players to injury in the first half.

Rookie punt returner DaeSean Hamilton left with a knee injury after Arizona's Brandon Williams rolled into his legs as he was waiting for the ball to make a fair catch. Williams was penalized for interfering on the play.

Safety Darian Stewart left the game with a neck injury in the first quarter.

Arizona tight end Ricky Seals-Jones, trying to run down Rosen's fumble, slammed his left forearm against an opponent's helmet and didn't return.

### UP NEXT

Broncos: At Kansas City on Oct. 28. Cardinals: Host San Francisco on Oct. 28. □

## Jets' secondary will be down a few key players vs. Vikings

**By DENNIS WASZAK Jr.**  
**AP Pro Football Writer**

**FLORHAM PARK, N.J. (AP)** — The New York Jets' secondary will be short-handed against Kirk Cousins and the Minnesota Vikings.

Cornerback Buster Skrine and safety Marcus Maye are out for the game Sunday, and cornerback Trumaine Johnson is doubtful to play.

Skrine has a concussion that has caused him to miss most of the

last two games. Maye is dealing with a broken right thumb. Meanwhile, Johnson — the Jets' top free-agent signing — will likely miss his third straight game with a quadriceps injury.

The Jets will have to face a Vikings offense that includes wide receiver Adam Thielen, who leads the NFL with 58 receptions and 712 yards receiving. Stefon Diggs has 40 catches for 435 yards, so coach Todd Bowles will have to

get creative with his defensive backs.

"Well, we've got a bunch of guys to play with," Bowles said.

Darryl Roberts, who has started the past two games, will see plenty of time again. So will rookie Parry Nickerson, who has filled in at Skrine's slot spot, and Rashard Robinson and Juston Burris.

New York could also be short-handed at wide receiver, with Quincy Enunwa having been pre-

viously ruled out with a sprained ankle and Terrelle Pryor doubtful with a groin injury.

Bowles said "it's possible" the Jets could sign a receiver Friday or Saturday, or promote Deontay Burnett — a former teammate of quarterback Sam Darnold at USC — from the practice squad.

Linebacker Kevin Pierre-Louis (foot) is doubtful, and running back Isaiah Crowell (foot) is questionable. □



# Facebook's election 'war room' takes aim at fake information



Samidh Chakrabarti, Director of Elections and Civic Engagement, from left, listens with Katie Harbath, Global Politics and Government Outreach Director and Nathaniel Gleicher, Head of Cybersecurity Policy as Tom Reynolds, Policy Communications, speaks to them during a demonstration in the war room, where Facebook monitors election related content on the platform, in Menlo Park, Calif., Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2018.

**By MICHAEL LIEDTKE**  
**AP Technology Writer**  
**MENLO PARK, Calif. (AP)** — In an otherwise innocuous part of Facebook's expansive Silicon Valley campus, a locked door bears a taped-on sign that reads "War Room." Behind the door lies a nerve center the social network has set up to combat fake accounts and bogus news stories ahead of upcoming elections. Inside the room are dozens of employees staring intently at their monitors while data streams across giant dashboards. On the walls are posters of the sort Facebook frequently uses to caution or exhort its employees. One reads, "Nothing at Facebook is somebody else's problem." That motto might strike some as ironic, given that the war room was created to counter threats that almost no one at the company, least of all CEO Mark Zuckerberg, took seriously just two years ago — and which the company's

critics now believe pose a threat to democracy. Days after President Donald Trump's surprise victory, Zuckerberg brushed off assertions that the outcome had been influenced by fictional news stories on Facebook, calling the idea "pretty crazy." But Facebook's blase attitude shifted as criticism of the company mounted in Congress and elsewhere. Later that year, it acknowledged having run thousands of ads promoting false information placed by Russian agents. Zuckerberg eventually made fixing Facebook his personal challenge for 2018. The war room is a major part of Facebook's ongoing repairs. Its technology draws upon the artificial intelligence system Facebook has been using to help identify "inauthentic" posts and user behavior. Facebook provided a tightly controlled glimpse at its war room to The Associated Press and other media ahead of the sec-

ond round of presidential elections in Brazil on Oct. 28 and the U.S. midterm elections on Nov. 6. "There is no substitute for physical, real-world interaction," said Samidh Chakrabarti, Facebook's director of elections and civic engagement. "The primary thing we have learned is just how effective it is to have people in the same room all together." More than 20 different teams now coordinate the efforts of more than 20,000 people — mostly contractors — devoted to blocking fake accounts and fictional news and stopping other abuses on Facebook and its other services. As part of the crackdown, Facebook also has hired fact checkers, including The Associated Press, to vet new stories posted on its social network. Facebook credits its war room and other stepped-up patrolling efforts for booting 1.3 billion fake accounts over the past year and jettisoning hundreds

of pages set up by foreign governments and other agents looking to create mischief. But it remains unclear whether Facebook is doing enough, said Angelo Carusone, president of Media Matters For America, a liberal group that monitors misinformation. He noted that the sensational themes distributed in fictional news stories can be highly effective at keeping people "engaged" on Facebook — which in turn makes it possible to sell more of the ads that generate most of Facebook's revenue. "What they are doing so far seems to be more about trying to prevent another public relations disaster and less so about putting in meaningful solutions to the problem," Carusone said. "On balance, I would say they that are still way off." The election war room and its inner workings remain too opaque to determine whether it's helping Facebook do a better job of keeping garbage off its

Associated Press

service or if it's just a "temporary conference room with a bunch of computer monitors in it," said Molly McKew, a self-described "information warfare" researcher for New Media Frontier, which studies the flow of content on social media.

McKew believes Facebook is conflicted about blocking some content it already knows is suspect "because they keep people on their platform by sparking an emotional response, so they like they like the controversial stuff. There will always be this toeing of the line about pulling down radical, crazy content because that's what people engage on, and that's what they want."

Facebook defends its war room as an effective weapon against misinformation, although its efforts are still a work in progress. Chakrabarti, for instance, acknowledged that some "bugs" prevented Facebook from taking some unspecified actions to prevent manipulation efforts in the first round of Brazil's presidential election earlier this month. He declined to elaborate.

The war room is currently focused on Brazil's next round of elections and upcoming U.S. midterms. Large U.S. and Brazilian flags hang on opposing walls and clocks show the time in both countries. Facebook declined to let the media scrutinize the computer screens in front of the employees, and required reporters to refrain from mentioning some of the equipment inside the war room, calling it "proprietary information." While on duty, war-room workers are only allowed to leave the room for short bathroom breaks or to grab food to eat at their desks. Although no final decisions have been made, the war room is likely to become a permanent fixture at Facebook, said Katie Harbath, Facebook's director of global politics and government outreach.

"It is a constant arms race," she said. "This is our new normal." □



## 4 tax breaks for teachers

By **TINA OREM**  
**Associated Press**

The flood of education-related tax advice that seems to crest during back-to-school season often centers on students or their parents. But teachers can score a few tax breaks, too — if they do their homework. Three tax pros share their own lesson plans for cutting teachers' tax bills.

### 1. Educator Expense Deduction

**WHAT IT IS:** A \$250 deduction to help recoup out-of-pocket costs for outfitting a classroom, getting training or buying teaching materials.

**HOW IT WORKS:** K-12 teachers can take this deduction regardless of whether they itemize on their taxes or take the standard deduction. They're not the only ones eligible for this tax break, though. School counselors, principals or aides may also be able to take the educator expenses deduction if they worked at least 900 hours in a qualifying school during the school year, says Tracie Miller-Nobles, a certified public accountant and member of the American Institute of CPAs' National CPA Financial Literacy Commission.

If your spouse is also a



In this July 24, 2017, file photo, pencils are at the ready on a teachers desk at Bruns Academy in Charlotte, N.C.

**Associated Press**

teacher and you're filing jointly, you might qualify for a bigger deduction. "Sometimes individuals don't realize that if they're married and both spouses are eligible educators, they actually get \$500 for that deduction," she says.

### 2. Charitable Contribution deductions

**WHAT IT IS:** A tax deduction for donations to charitable organizations, including nonprofit schools.

**HOW IT WORKS:** If the edu-

cator expense deduction doesn't cover everything a teacher has spent out of pocket for items that end up belonging to the school, teachers might be able to deduct the rest as a charitable contribution, says Lauri Pitcher, a CPA and president and CEO of accounting firm Lucia & Co. in San Bernardino, California. Taking this deduction will require good record-keeping; it may also require working with the principal

or other school administrators to get receipts that will substantiate the donations, she says. Also: You have to itemize on your tax return to deduct charitable contributions. So if you plan on taking the standard deduction — which has nearly doubled under the new tax rules — this tactic might not be for you.

### 3. Lifetime Learning Credit

**WHAT IT IS:** A tax credit — which is a dollar-for-dollar reduction in your tax bill — equal to 20% of the first \$10,000 spent on tuition and fees. The maximum credit is \$2,000 per return.

**HOW IT WORKS:** The Lifetime Learning credit is available to graduate students, which means it can be a great tax break for teachers who are pursuing a master's degree, says Melinda Nelson, a CPA and partner at accounting firm Henry + Horne in Tempe, Arizona. Teachers who are simply taking classes to improve job skills can also qualify — pursuing a degree isn't required.

You may qualify for this tax credit if your modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) is \$66,000 or less (\$132,000 or less if you file jointly). If your MAGI is between \$56,000 and \$66,000

(\$112,000 to \$132,000 if you file jointly), you can get a reduced credit. You can't get the credit if your MAGI is over \$66,000 (\$132,000 if filing jointly).

### 4. Free File and VITA programs

**WHAT THEY ARE:** For do-it-yourself taxpayers, Free File is an IRS program that provides free brand-name tax software to people whose adjusted gross income is below a certain threshold. For people who want human help, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program (VITA) is a federal grant program that helps local organizations offer free in-person tax-prep services to low- and moderate-income people.

**HOW THEY WORK:** You probably qualify for Free File if your adjusted gross income is under the limit (currently \$66,000). Note that even if the software for your federal tax return is free, there might be a fee for your state tax return. Visit the IRS's Free File website to check your eligibility and find the right software package. For VITA, the income limit generally is \$54,000; the IRS website also has a VITA directory that can help you find a program in your area. □

## Global stocks mixed as Chinese economy slows

By **JOE McDONALD**  
**Associated Press**

**BEIJING (AP)** — Global stocks were mixed Friday after data showed Chinese economic growth slowed more than expected but officials moved to shore up the country's markets.

**KEEPING SCORE:** Germany's DAX lost 0.3 percent to 11,556 and France's CAC-40 sank 0.8 percent to 5,078. London's FTSE 100 was flat at 7,028 and Italy's FTSE MIB dropped 1.3 percent to 18,831 amid concerns about a spat with the EU over the country's budget.

**ASIA'S DAY:** The Shanghai Composite Index rose 2.6 percent while Tokyo's Nikkei 225 shed 0.6 percent to 22,532.08. Hong Kong's



A Chinese woman monitors stock prices at a brokerage in Beijing, Friday, Oct. 19, 2018.

**Associated Press**

Hang Seng advanced 0.4 percent to 25,561.40 and Seoul's Kospi added 2,156.26. Sydney's S&P-ASX 200 shed 3 points to 5,939.50 and India's Sensex sank 1.5 percent to 34,242.73. Ma-

nila rose while Taiwan, New Zealand and other Southeast Asian benchmarks declined.

**COOLING CHINA:** Growth in the world's second-biggest economy sank to a post-

global crisis low in the quarter ending in September. The downturn adds to pressure on communist leaders as they fight a mounting tariff battle with the United States. Retail spending and investment, key economic drivers, slowed.

Finance officials launched a media blitz to reassure investors about the health of a stock market, which has tumbled 30 percent since January. "Economic fundamentals are good," the central bank governor, Yi Gang, said. Liu said the decline in share prices created "good investment opportunities." The government also said insurers will be allowed to create products to help stabilize the market by reducing "liquid-

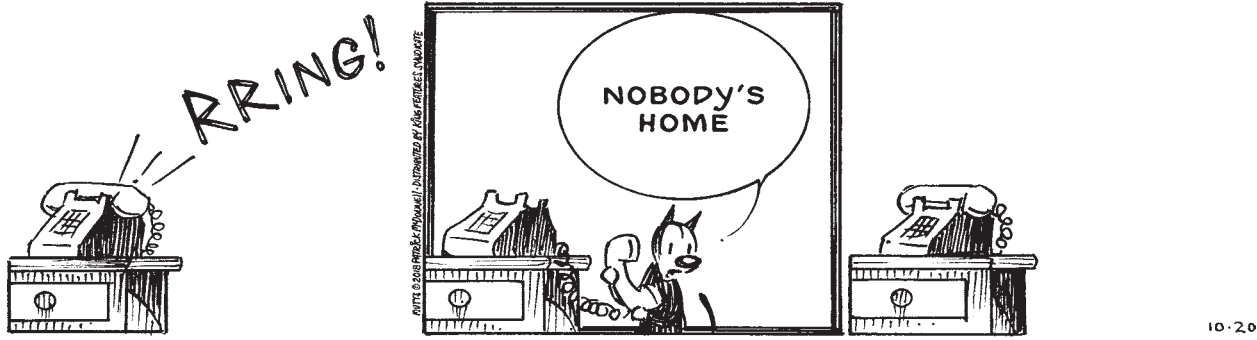
ity risk."

**ANALYST'S TAKE:** "The markets continue to shudder as political turbulence ferments," said Stephen Innes of OANDA in a report. The Chinese data "offer little solace to risk sentiment," Innes said. "There are worrying signs beyond the tariff effect that are more concerning," including weaker factory output.

**ENERGY:** Benchmark U.S. crude rose 43 cents to \$69.08 per barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract fell \$1.10 on Thursday to \$68.65. Brent crude, used to price international oils, gained 72 cents to \$80.01 in London. It retreated 76 cents the previous session to \$79.29. □



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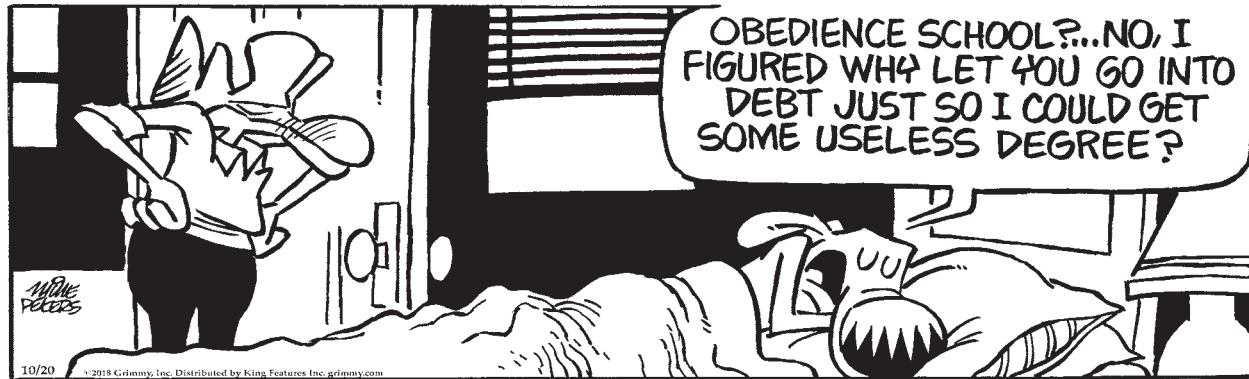
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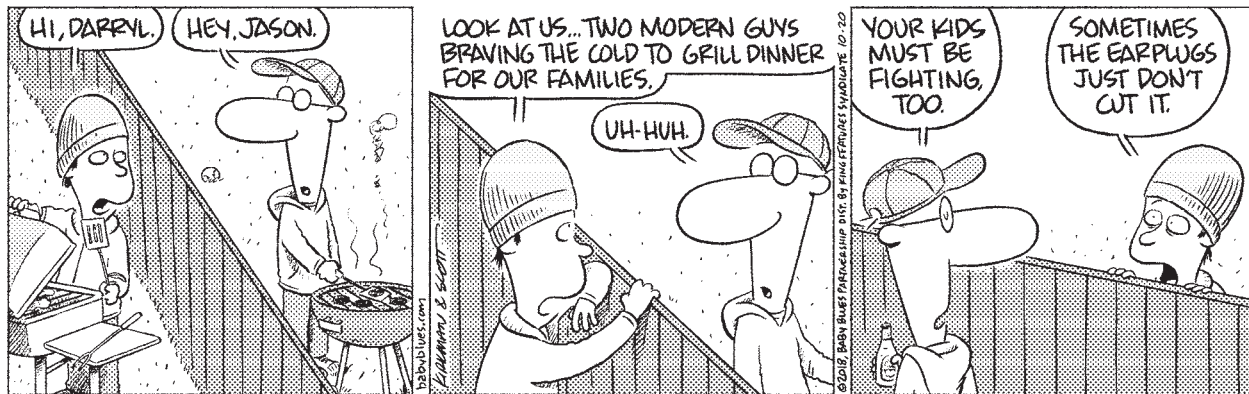
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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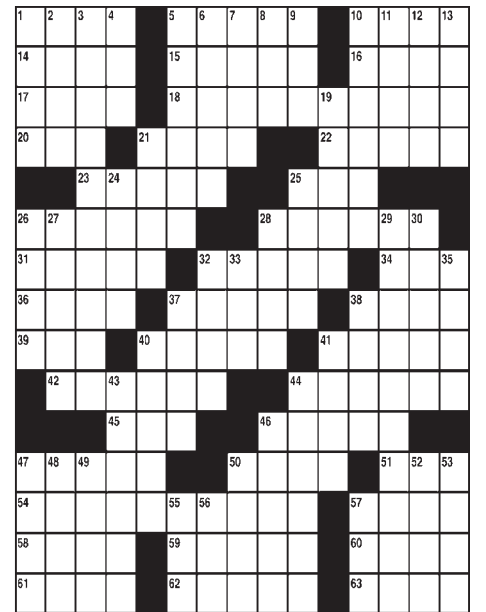
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## ACROSS

- Store event
- In \_\_; fashionable
- Donahue, for one
- TV's "American \_\_"
- Mountain path
- Costa \_\_
- Crazy
- Kept in mind
- Iris' place
- Notices
- Largest city in Yorkshire
- Bodies of water
- Animal enclosure
- Morale
- Animals
- Golf course
- Stream
- Sock \_\_; 1950s dance
- Alimony recipients
- Faithful
- Small duck
- Prefix for obey or embark
- More rational
- Warm jacket
- Manor & the land around it
- Uncoordinated
- Actress McClanahan
- Snapshot
- Take illegally
- "I Am...I \_\_"; Neil Diamond hit
- Scouring pad
- Like Benedict Arnold
- Highway sign
- Brisbane's nation: abbr.
- Rent long-term
- Level a building
- Acquires
- Force out
- Thick soup

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- Info on a shirt label
- "Queen for \_\_" of old TV
- Result of too much isolation
- Actor Ron \_\_
- Word in an address
- Joyce Kilmer's famous poem
- Underground edibles
- Whopper
- Common street name
- Overuses the mirror
- Bring on board
- \_\_ tea
- Boys
- Grim; depressing
- Zooms down snowy slopes
- Boats like Noah's
- Orange rind
- Toboggan
- Mischiefous fairy
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- Overdue
- Tight, as a rope
- \_\_ Ste. Marie
- Trudge
- Characteristics
- Sculptor's tool
- TV remote button
- Doe's mate
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- Vane direction
- Ivory or Dial
- Leak out
- Gush forth
- Spanish cheer
- Harrison or Reed
- Scholarship applicants, often: abbr.



## 'Malnourished' animals report prompts Albania zoo closure

**Associated Press**

**MBROSTAR, Albania (AP)**

— A report claiming lions and other animals were left malnourished at a private zoo in Albania has prompted Albanian authorities to order the zoo's temporary closure.

Environment Minister Blendi Klosi ordered the immediate inspection and removal of the animals from the Safari Zoo Park resort following a report in Britain's Daily Mail Tuesday with photos showing a lion with

an eye infection and other apparently malnourished animals in iron cages.

But Ardjan Koci, a conservation official, said a recent inspection found all animals at the zoo in Mbrostar, 100 kilometers (60 miles) south of the capital Tirana, healthy. He said the only shortcoming was that the animals did not have enough space in their cages.

Koci said the zoo is required to offer some missing documents in eight days. □

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# Experts urge gulf refuge for endangered vaquita porpoise

By MARK STEVENSON  
Associated Press

**MEXICO CITY (AP)** — Experts called on Mexico's government Wednesday to use floating barriers to enclose a small area of the Gulf of California where a half dozen critically endangered vaquita porpoises were spotted in September.

The sightings were an unexpected mix of good and bad news for the world's smallest porpoise, which has been driven to the brink of extinction by nets set illegally to catch totoaba, a fish whose swim bladder is considered a delicacy in China.

One of the porpoises was identified by experts as Ana, a mother that was spotted with her second new calf in two years. Vaquitas usually have only one calf every two years. "This means the rate of recovery could be double" what was previously thought, said Lorenzo Rojas-Bracho, who has led an international team of scientists working to save the porpoise.

"If we stop killing them, they will recover," he said, noting that other endangered animals like the California condor have been coaxed into recovery from extremely low population numbers.

But a network of acoustic monitoring devices that listen for the "clicks" made by vaquitas to navigate indicate they have essentially disappeared from about 86 percent of their historic range in the Gulf of California.

Armando Jaramillo, an expert from the National Ecology Institute who oversees the acoustic program, said 50 percent of all underwater "clicks" detected this



In this Sept. 2018 handout photo released by El Museo de la Ballena y Ciencias del Mar, a pair of critically endangered vaquita porpoises swim in the Gulf of California.

year came from just four monitors, out of 46 that once detected them.

"Nowadays we hear very, very few vaquitas," Jaramillo said.

Alejandro Olivera, the Mexico representative for the Center for Biological Diversity, estimated only about 15 porpoises remain, which would be in line with a 30-individual estimate from last year. The species has been collapsing at a rate of almost 50 percent a year.

That might mean the six or seven vaquitas seen from the ship Narval on Sept. 26-28 were about half of all those still alive. Official estimates aren't due out until January.

Jaramillo sees a silver lining — or a last chance — in the fact that most of the remaining vaquitas have been reduced to such a small area, roughly a 12- by 25-mile (20 by 40 kilometer) rectangle.

"Now we have a zone that is relatively smaller and

easier to protect," he said. Diego Ruiz, head of the Baja California Sur-based Museo de la Ballena, has proposed erecting a barrier of buoyant tubes supporting above-water nets that wouldn't restrict the vaquitas' movements but would keep small fishing boats out of what may now be the species' last habitat.

Some experts also are suggesting stationing a navy ship permanently in the middle of the vaquita's last refuge.

"If we don't stop illegal fishing, they could become extinct in a year, or the year after," Jaramillo said. Because the totoaba bladders are trafficked for big profits in China, efforts by the Mexican navy to prevent illegal fishing have faltered. The illegal fishermen, who are believed linked to drug cartels, use go-fast boats and have resorted to violence — shooting down drones with rifles, running their boats into navy patrols and threatening activists.

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Jaramillo says the incoming government of President-elect Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, who takes office Dec. 1, should also focus more effort on shore patrols to keep illegal fishing boats from setting to sea and to break up the trafficking of totoaba parts on shore.

However, Lopez Obrador has pledged to create jobs in rural areas so Mexicans don't have to migrate, and he is under pressure from fishermen who want to get back to work. The current administration expanded and enforced a widened ban on the use of gillnets that kill vaquitas by drowning them but are also used by fishermen to catch a variety of shrimp and fish beside the totoaba.

Some in the incoming administration seem ready to write off the vaquita.

Josefa Gonzalez, who will head the Environment Department under Lopez Obrador, said in an interview with the newspaper La Cronica earlier this year that a lot of money has already been spent on the endangered porpoise with no results.

"I don't think the vaquita is going extinct; it has already been driven to extinction by negligence and corruption," she said. □

## Mysterious paralyzing illness found among kids in 22 states

By MIKE STOBBE  
AP Medical Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — U.S. health officials on Tuesday reported a jump in cases of a rare paralyzing illness in children, and said it seems to be following an every-other-year pattern.

At least 62 cases have been confirmed in 22 states this year, and at least 65 additional illnesses in those states are being investigated, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Similar waves of the same illness occurred in 2014 and 2016.

CDC officials say they haven't found the cause. Some possible suspects,

such as polio and West Nile virus, have been ruled out. Another kind of virus is suspected, but it's been found in only some of the cases. "This is a mystery so far," the CDC's Dr. Nancy Messonnier said in a call Tuesday with reporters.

About 90 percent of the cases are children who have suffered muscle weakness or paralysis, including in the face, neck, back or limbs. The symptoms tend to occur about a week after they had a fever and respiratory illness. It is "a pretty dramatic disease," but fortunately most kids recover, Messonnier said.

Health officials call the condition acute flaccid myelitis. The CDC would not release a list of the states reporting probable or confirmed cases. But some states have previously announced clusters, including Minnesota, Illinois, Colorado, New York and Washington.

The cases in 2014 and 2016 were partly attributed to particular strains of respiratory germs called enteroviruses, which spread the most in the summer and fall.

Lacking an established cause, health officials confirm cases through a review of brain scans and symptoms. □



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## Got \$7.1 M? Neiman Marcus tops 2018 fantasy gifts with yacht

By LEANNE ITALIE

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Need a \$7.1 million yacht? How about jumping out of a plane on a top secret spy mission with a \$315,000 price tag? Perhaps a backyard luxury clubhouse sounds better, or a million pieces of candy.

No matter your taste, if you've got big bucks this is your time of year. The Dallas-based Neiman Marcus luxury department store company showed off its 2018 list of over-the-top fantasy gifts, with an emphasis on fantasy for those of us in the 99 percent. The list always garners plenty of attention, from those who covet the items and those who heap on scorn at its outrageousness.

A portion of proceeds goes to The Heart of Neiman Marcus Foundation for student arts support and other projects.

A peek inside:

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A display previewing travel to India, Nepal, Bhutan, and the Maldives with travel purveyor Black Tomato appears during a preview of the Neiman Marcus Christmas Book in New York, Thursday, Oct. 18, 2018.

ness trip, so time with yoga masters, Hindu priests and monks is also involved. So is a helicopter tour of the Himalayas and island cruises on a yacht.

### SPEAKING OF YACHTS

Topping this year's offerings is a solar-driven, 74-foot bespoke yacht that comfortably sleeps 12. There's a fully functional kitchen, state-of-the-art music and entertainment system and

— perhaps the best part — a Neiman Marcus shopping spree before heading out to explore the deep blue sea.

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### HIPPO IN A TUTU GUY

New Yorkers and New York visitors may remember the 15-foot bronze hippo in the tutu at Lincoln Center that's now gone. Well, that artist, Danish sculptor Bjorn Ok-

holm Skaarup, can cast a family pet or favorite creature for a giftee, complete with a trip to Florence, Italy, to spend time with Skaarup himself at his foundry. \$200,000-plus, depending on the size of the bronze tribute.

### SUGAR JUNKIES UNITE

For \$325,000, Sugarfina will set up a custom candy bar and ship off four people first class to the Italian Riviera for a luxe hotel stay and visit to the company's candy factory in Genoa. The sugar junkies will spend the day with the company's founders, take a behind-the-scenes tour and create some custom candy of their own. The sweetest part: Candy shipments home for up to three years.

### COSPLAY WITH AN OSCAR WINNER

Costume designer Colleen Atwood, who focuses on fantasy in such films as "Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald" and "Alice Through the Looking Glass," will design a custom piece and treat two for the day to lunch, swag and a possible film set tour of whatever project she might be working on at the time. Side note: She has four Academy Awards. \$300,000. □

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## Radio host Delilah shares advice about losing a child

By ALICIA RANCILIO

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — One year ago, syndicated radio host Delilah Renee Luke — known professionally as just Delilah — experienced the unimaginable: Her teenage son Zack killed himself at 18.

She took some time away from her job to grieve but is now back on the air and also has a new book out called "One Heart at a Time," sharing personal stories and life lessons to hopefully inspire others to examine their own lives and find purpose about what really matters.

Delilah, who also lost her son Sammy in 2012 at 16 from complications from sickle cell anemia, has raw advice for people on what



Radio personality Delilah poses for a portrait in New York on Thursday, Oct. 18, 2018, to promote her memoir, "One Heart at a Time."

not to say to parents who lose their children.

"The worst thing you can do is say, 'I know how you feel.' Please don't say that to somebody who has lost a child because unless you have lost a child,

you don't know how I feel. Please don't say 'He's in a better place.' I have an amazingly strong faith and I believe that my two boys are at rest with my Lord. I don't want them there. I want them here, so tell-

ing me they're in a better place is a knife to my eye," she said. She continued: "Don't say to somebody who has lost a child, 'Well, they're a little angel now looking out for you.' My son is not a little cherub floating. He wasn't a cherub here on Earth, for God's sake. You know, he was a wild child. He was passionate and he was crazy."

So what do you say when you want to say something to a grieving person?

"Just say, 'I love you,'" she said. "'What can I do for you? Can I pick up the kids after school? Can I take you out to dinner? Can I bring dinner to you if you don't feel like leaving the house?'"

Delilah said people need to be talking about teen-

age suicide. "We need to be talking about it every day. You know, back in the day, we didn't talk about teenage pregnancy. We didn't talk about how to prevent STDs. We didn't talk about health care. When I was on the air and my grandmother died from breast cancer, I wasn't allowed to say 'breast cancer.' I had to say 'cancer' or 'women's cancer.'"

Suicide rates for teens rose between 2010 and 2015 after they had declined for nearly two decades, according to data from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Why the rates went up isn't known, but Delilah said talking about it might help. □

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# Melissa McCarthy in 'Can You Ever Forgive Me?'

By JAKE COYLE  
 Associated Press

The early 1990s New York of Marielle Heller's "Can You Ever Forgive Me?" isn't so long ago but it already feels staggeringly distant. It's a New York of publishing industry cocktail parties, of book stores, lots of them, and of scheming, foul-mouthed eccentrics. Lee Israel (Melissa McCarthy) and her partner-in-crime Jack Hock (Richard E. Grant) are two such dyed-in-Zabar's characters. Life has been kind to neither of them. Israel's latest book, a biography of Estee Lauder, lies stacked on the 75 percent-off table. When she runs into her old friend at a bar (it's still daylight outside but both are well on their way), Lee asks Jack, a former actor, what he's been doing with his life. "This and that," Jack says brightly. And then with a chagrined grimace: "Mostly that." Israel has penned well-received biographies on Talulah Bankhead and Dorothy Kilgallen, but interest in her books has dried up and



This image released by Fox Searchlight Pictures shows Melissa McCarthy in a scene from "Can You Ever Forgive Me?"

now her agent (Jane Curtin, brilliant) won't return her calls. A 51-year-old gay woman who lives with her cat in a small apartment on the Upper West Side, Israel is struck by writer's block or, possibly, is just drinking too much. Her sad predicament infuriates her, and caustic wit fires out of her indiscriminately. Nothing arouses her fury like Tom Clancy; she bitterly curses his millions while being behind her rent.

With nowhere left to turn, Israel begins forging celebrity letters from the likes of Franny Brice, Noel Coward, Dorothy Parker and Louise Brooks. Sometimes adding to real letters, sometimes faking the stationery altogether, she's able to convincingly mimic their voices. They fetch her a decent paycheck from book stores and collectors. She's good at it, too. "I'm a better Dorothy Parker than Dorothy Parker," says Israel with genuine pride. The story is a real one, first recounted in Israel's gleefully unrepentant 2008

memoir of the same title. Heller's film, adapted by Nicole Holofcener and Jeff Whitty, has brought to the screen all the strange ironies of Israel's famous fraud. (Her forgeries eventually attracted the attention of the FBI and she was sentenced to six months house arrest. Israel died in 2014 at 75.) "Can You Ever Forgive Me?" has justly won praise as one of McCarthy's best and most dramatic performances. As Israel, she's a gloriously embittered, hard-drinking curmudgeon incapable of

holding her tongue — a distinctly New York creature if ever there was one. And her fear of slipping away is painfully real. That McCarthy is utterly at home in a more dramatic part comes as little surprise. She was the best thing in 2014's misjudged "St. Vincent" and even her broadest of comedic performances tremble with tenderness and soul. She's simply one of the best actors working today, and it didn't take a drama to see that.

"Can You Ever Forgive Me?" sings best — or rather, grumbles spectacularly — when McCarthy and Grant are together. They are kindred misfits and malcontents happy for each other's company. It's been more than three decades since "Withnail and I," and Grant remains the best drinking buddy in movies. As the even-more-down-on-his-luck Hock, Grant is a paragon of debauched decadence, tragic and magnificent at once. His regal bearing crackles with a sly wickedness. "Do not underestimate sparking blues eyes and a little bit of street smarts," he tells Israel in mid-hustle.

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## Banksy posts video saying incomplete shredding a malfunction

By The Associated Press  
 Banksy posted a new video to his website Tuesday implying the partial shredding of his "Girl With Balloon" at a London auction was supposed to have been complete. The video shows the famously anonymous artist constructing the shredding mechanism inside an ornate frame and pushing a button in a black box to activate the destruction at Sotheby's in London earlier this month. The act shocked the crowd, but the winning bidder, a European collector, went ahead and bought it anyway for \$1.4 million, according to the auction house.

Sotheby's did not name the buyer. The partial shredding drew speculation that the act was a stunt to increase the value of the painting of a young girl reaching for a heart-shaped red balloon. The canvas was shredded to right above the girl's head, leaving the balloon intact. The end of the new video notes: "In rehearsals it worked every time..." A complete shredding of the same design is then shown. The nearly 3-minute long video is titled, "Shred the Love, the Director's cut." It shows hands and a hooded figure (Banksy is fond of hoodies) constructing



In this undated photo provided by Sotheby's the spray-painted canvas 'Girl with Balloon' by artist Banksy is pictured.

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the mechanism in a studio space, then it rolls on to the outside of Sotheby's before the auction. People milling about sipping Champagne and nibbling hors d'oeuvres are next up, including some standing in front of the painting.



## Ambassadors for Motown sound seek more of it in hometown

By JEFF KAROUB

Associated Press

**DETROIT (AP)** — From the auditorium of Detroit's main library on a recent weeknight emerged the sound of Motown: Spirited takes of tunes that sprung from a studio just a few miles away and made their way around the world. Some of Detroit's best singers and musicians breathed new life into beloved songs more than a half-century old: "Signed, Sealed, Delivered I'm Yours." "Dancing in the Street." "Stop! In the Name of Love." "Papa Was a Rolling Stone."

They still beguile audiences across the globe, but the music of Stevie Wonder, Martha Reeves, the Supremes and Temptations doesn't get heard regularly and reliably in the city of its birth. Joan Belgrave, one of the voices belting out Motown classics on the library stage, is out to change that as the label nears its 60th anniversary early next year.

"There's no place that's dedicated to that genre. And this is Detroit," said Belgrave, wife of the late jazz trumpeting great and Motown player Marcus Belgrave. "People come here (and) they go to the



In this July 31, 2018, photo, from left, Mark Scott of The Miracles, Angela Williams, Roschelle Laughunn of the Vandellas, Emmanuel (E.J.) Johnson of Enchantment, Bertha Gibson, Hazelette Crosby, and Al Chisholm of the Contours perform in Detroit.

Motown Museum. And then what?"

Sure, you can catch a whiff of Hitsville U.S.A. here and there in Detroit. Classic Motown singers and groups — some of which still boast an original member or two — certainly "can't forget the Motor City," to quote a Reeves and the Vandellas hit, on a tour. Other artists might throw a Motown song or two into their set lists. Further, there are tribute bands and even a local DJ

who spins records from the label and era. To top it off, the Motown Museum plans a major expansion and upgrade that includes a performance space. Still, Belgrave said it's not enough for a city with such a sonic lineage and legacy.

"Marcus and I would go to New Orleans, Preservation Hall," she said. "It's just a little bitty place. But it's a place designated for that place's music — traditional

New Orleans music. Why don't we have a place like that in Detroit?"

Belgrave had high hopes for something regular earlier this year when she was brought in to book entertainment at a downtown bar. They started an open jam session one weeknight and brought in some Motown tribute bands on the weekends, but the efforts stalled when the bar closed.

Among those joining

Belgrave's crusade is Mark Scott, who joined the legendary Motown group The Miracles about 15 years ago and sings the leads made famous by Smokey Robinson.

"When we go overseas, the response is enormous," said Scott, who also performed at the Detroit library. "A lot of people come here to visit, and they're not able to see a lot of Motown acts consistently. ... I think the thing about Detroit that the venues need to start doing is respecting the legacy."

Belgrave isn't giving up. She's grateful for places like the library, which has long supported local music and artists, including those with connections to or a love for Motown. She's looking for a new venue or two to take up the cause.

To be sure, she's been feeling a surge of support for Detroit's musical heritage as artists have been paying homage to Aretha Franklin, who died Aug. 16 at 76. Franklin wasn't officially a Motown artist, but alums consider her family: She grew up alongside Robinson and recorded and toured with the Four Tops. Robinson delivered a touching tribute to her at her funeral, as did Stevie Wonder. □

## 'The Darkness' is insightful character study

By OLIVE H. COGDILL

Associated Press

"The Darkness" (Minotaur), by Ragnar Jonasson Icelandic author Ragnar Jonasson takes a major chance — that works extremely well — in "The Darkness," the launch of a new series about Detective Inspector Hulda Hermannsdottir. Rather than meeting the Reykjavik, Iceland, detective at the beginning or even the middle of her career, Jonasson introduces Hulda at the end of the career that has been her lifeline. Hulda's swan song as a detective, as well as other choices Jonasson makes,

might not seem as if the author could sustain a series based on this character. But "The Darkness" melds an insightful character study with a solid plot for an outstanding novel and shows how he could sustain this as a series.

A widow whose only child died decades ago, the perpetually depressed Hulda has lived for her work ever since. She thrives on this job, despite being passed over for promotions that have gone to younger and less qualified men. The 64-year-old dreads that mandatory retirement is near, but that's next year. She's shattered

when her boss, Magnus, tells her that she will be leaving in two weeks. She'll get her full salary but the department needs to make room for a less experienced man who's been hired.

As a consolation, Magnus tells Hulda she can work on a cold case of her choosing before she leaves. Hulda plunges into the case of Elena, an asylum-seeking Russian woman whose death was ruled a suicide. Hulda quickly realizes that her colleague's investigation was, at best, careless. Hulda's sense of justice energizes her, despite raising the ire of Magnus, who

says he really didn't mean for her to start an investigation.

While "The Darkness" takes a grim path, Jonasson elevates the plot with a compelling look at a detective who has dealt with extreme personal losses and worries that she is facing a retirement, and old age, alone. Angry at having dealt with sexism and ageism, Hulda has never stopped being a good detective, a situation even Magnus is forced to acknowledge. Hulda is not the easiest person to like — prickly and strident — but Jonasson finds many layers to his new character.



This cover image released by Minotaur shows "The Darkness," by Ragnar Jonasson.

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Hulda may be at the close of her career, but Jonasson is just getting started with this new series. □



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